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Plane Crashes in Wilberforce

Wayne Klapow of Wilberforce thought he'd take an early morning flight on Tuesday, but things didn't turn out quite as he expected. Shortly after take off from the field behind his house, Klapow's engine failed. In an attempt to put the plane down onto County Road 648, just south of the main core of Wilberforce, Klapow crashed into a hydro pole.

OPP officers were called to the scene which was also attended by members of the Highlands East Fire Department and EMS personnel. Fire fighters and police quickly had the scene under control and the 61 year old (unlicensed) pilot was taken to the Haliburton Hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses at the scene said they heard the aircraft take off and then the engine started to sputter and then failed. They confirmed that Klapow was quickly out of the aircraft and walking, and while he had a cut on his face that was bleeding fairly profusely, he seemed to be fine.

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Dahl Family Donates 500 Acres of Forest to Local Land Trust

Land Trust "humbled" by gracious donation

The Dahl Forest was officially entrusted to the people of the Haliburton Highlands - via a gift to the Haliburton Highlands land Trust (HHLT) - in perpetuity, as a result of a very significant land transfer formalized this week.

Peter Dahl made the announcement last Tuesday morning at the Wintergreen Pancake Barn in front of a number of prominent local celebrities, eco-buffs, and members of the board of the local land trust.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) board member Sheila Ziman said the HHLT was humbled by the gracious donation - made by Peter on behalf of his

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Katie Woodward puts Flicka through her paces at Horseman's first Gymkhana. See page ...43

Watercolours Development Approved by OMB

"This will be a major economic boon for the community." (Murray Fearrey)

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

After what may have seemed like an interminable wait for the parties concerned, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has upheld Dysart's decision that the Watercolours condominium project is appropriate for the Village of Haliburton. The decision will allow the Mady Development Corporation and Symbol Communities to launch the next phase in the development process.

The Board made several changes that will require Dysart's original zoning by-law (that allows the development to move forward) to be amended. It has restricted the 150 unit condominium to a height of four stories and has amended one of the side yard setbacks, but from the perspective of density and the character of the development and how it suits the Village, which were two very

important issues during the course of the hearing, they agree that Watercolours is well suited to the community.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said that an appeal submitted on a high profile project like this is never easy for either side. However, he said, "We're very pleased that the planning policies of the municipality were upheld and that Council made the right decision with this development."

Fearrey said that decisions about planning matters are not based on being either pro or anti-development. "We're not averse to hearing other opinions; it is everyone's right and this is a good

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Local Man Fatally Injured in Motor Vehicle Accident

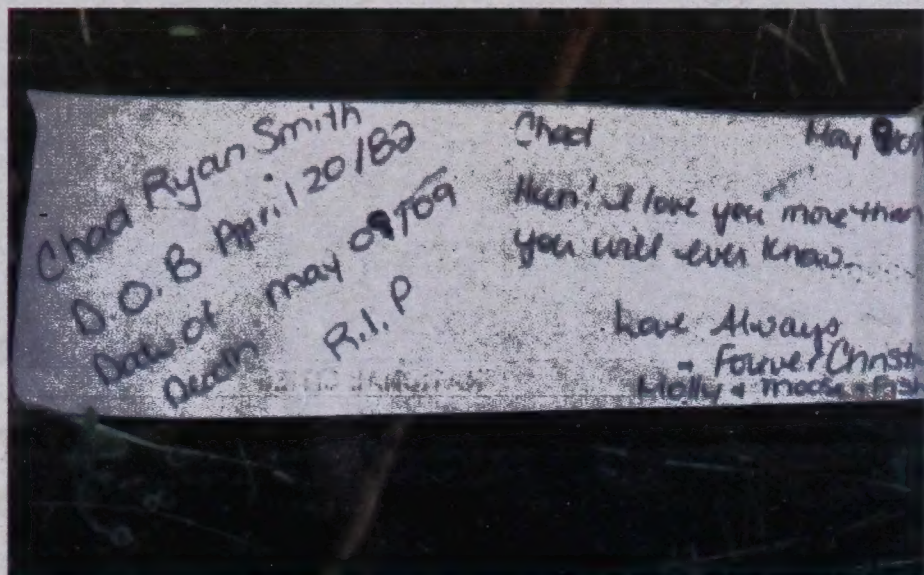


(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are presently at the scene of a fatal motor vehicle collision. Officers were responding to a call for service shortly after 3:00am when they came upon the collision. The collision occurred on County Rd #21 near Robertson Rd in the Township of Minden Hills.

Officers are being assisted in the investigation by O.P.P. Technical Traffic Collision Investigators.

The investigation has revealed that a BMW was westbound on County Rd # 21. The vehicle entered the south ditch, rolled over and the driver was ejected. EMS attended the scene and transported the driver to the Haliburton Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the vehicle has been identified as Chad Ryan Smith 27 years of Minden Hills Township.

The investigation is continuing. ■



A makeshift memorial was already set up the day after Chad Ryan Smith's tragic death.

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SATURDAY



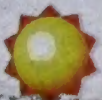
Showers and thunderstorms
▲ 16° ▼ 6°

SUNDAY



Mostly sunny
▲ 14° ▼ 3°

MONDAY



Mostly sunny
▲ 16° ▼ 6°

TUESDAY



Increasing clouds
▲ 16° ▼ 5°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of showers
▲ 17° ▼ 8°

AROUND THE REGION: A frontal system will produce a chance of showers and thunderstorms early today; otherwise skies will become partly cloudy. Continued partly cloudy Friday, with more unsettled weather likely Saturday. High pressure will allow for mostly sunny skies and pleasant conditions Sunday and Monday.

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TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	32/24/ts	31/23/pc	32/27/su	Montego Bay	31/25/sh	30/24/ts	29/24/sh
Antigua	30/24/ts	31/24/sf	29/23/ts	Nassau	29/22/ts	29/21/pc	28/24/su
Barbados	31/25/pc	31/26/pc	30/26/su	Port au Prince	30/24/ts	30/24/ts	28/24/ts
Bermuda	20/12/pc	19/13/pc	24/19/su	Puerto Vallarta	33/21/pc	32/20/pc	32/22/cl
Cancun	32/24/pc	31/24/pc	29/23/su	St Thomas	29/24/ts	29/23/su	29/23/cl
Curacao	33/24/pc	32/25/pc	30/24/cl	St Maarten	29/24/ts	30/24/pc	28/25/pc
Freeport	29/21/pc	28/21/pc	29/24/dz	San Jose, CR	31/22/ts	30/21/ts	27/21/sh
Georgetown	31/25/ts	31/24/ts	31/23/pc	San Juan	29/23/ts	29/24/pc	29/26/dz
Havana	30/23/ts	29/22/ts	30/23/su	San Salvador	31/23/ts	31/23/ts	30/23/ts
Key West	29/22/ts	30/22/ts	29/24/pc	Santo Domingo	29/23/ts	30/24/ts	30/24/pc
Kingston	31/26/sh	31/24/ts	31/29/ra	Trinidad	32/26/ts	31/25/ts	32/27/ts

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	16/6/pc	16/6/pc	16/6/ts	14/4/su	16/6/su	16/5/pc	17/8/sh
Barrie	15/12/pc	17/4/pc	15/8/ts	13/1/su	14/1/su	15/1/pc	17/9/sh
Dorset	16/6/pc	16/6/pc	16/6/ts	14/4/su	16/6/su	16/5/pc	17/8/sh
Haliburton	16/6/pc	16/6/pc	16/6/ts	14/3/su	16/6/su	16/5/pc	17/8/sh
Huntsville	16/6/pc	16/6/pc	16/6/ts	14/4/su	16/6/su	16/5/pc	17/8/sh
Kingston	17/10/pc	17/3/pc	16/6/ts	17/3/su	17/10/su	17/1/pc	18/9/sh
Lindsay	16/6/pc	16/6/pc	16/6/ts	14/4/su	16/6/su	16/6/pc	18/9/sh
Minden	16/6/pc	16/6/pc	16/6/ts	13/3/su	16/6/su	16/5/pc	17/8/sh
Oshawa	17/11/pc	17/11/pc	17/11/ts	15/4/su	17/7/su	17/6/pc	19/9/sh
Ottawa	17/11/ts	19/8/pc	16/8/ts	16/6/su	17/5/su	17/6/pc	18/7/sh
Toronto	17/11/pc	21/8/pc	18/10/ts	15/7/su	18/6/su	18/5/pc	19/9/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	14/2/sh	11/4/su	11/3/su	14/3/sh	12/2/sh	11/2/sh	12/3/sh
Edmonton	8/2/pc	11/4/su	14/3/dz	11/3/sh	11/1/sh	10/0/sh	11/1/cl
Fredericton	16/6/sh	18/8/su	18/7/ra	14/5/su	16/2/pc	17/3/pc	16/4/pc
Halifax	17/5/su	17/7/sh	13/7/sh	11/8/pc	10/6/pc	11/6/sh	13/4/sh
Montreal	18/8/ts	19/9/pc	16/9/ts	16/7/su	17/6/su	18/6/pc	17/8/sh
Regina	9/1/cl	13/2/sh	17/1/pc	15/3/dz	13/1/sh	13/1/sh	14/2/sh
St John's	14/6/su	15/7/sh	11/5/pc	9/6/sh	10/3/su	8/4/sh	7/3/sh
Saskatoon	9/2/pc	11/0/pc	16/1/pc	12/1/cl	9/3/sh	8/3/sh	10/2/cl
Vancouver	15/8/su	17/9/sh	18/8/sh	17/9/sh	18/11/sh	17/11/sh	16/8/pc
Whitehorse	9/1/sh	7/2/sh	3/4/sf	5/2/sf	6/2/pc	6/1/pc	4/2/pc
Winnipeg	4/6/cl	11/2/pc	14/1/su	16/4/dz	14/4/sh	13/3/sh	14/1/sh

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Monday 5/11	15°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 5/10	10°C	2°C	0.3 mm
Saturday 5/9	13°C	7°C	23.6 mm
Friday 5/8	23°C	11°C	3.0 mm
Thursday 5/7	20°C	11°C	1.0 mm
Wednesday 5/6	19°C	9°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 5/5	21°C	1°C	0.0 mm

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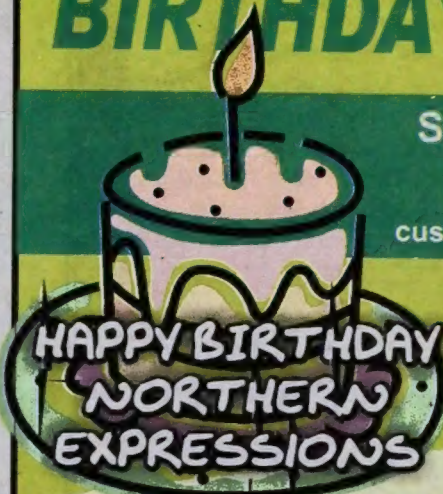
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	5:46 a.m./8:36 p.m.	12:53 a.m./9:52 a.m.
Fri.	5:45 a.m./8:37 p.m.	1:23 a.m./10:57 a.m.
Sat.	5:44 a.m./8:38 p.m.	1:48 a.m./12:01 p.m.
Sun.	5:43 a.m./8:39 p.m.	2:09 a.m./1:07 p.m.
Mon.	5:41 a.m./8:40 p.m.	2:29 a.m./2:12 p.m.
Tues.	5:40 a.m./8:41 p.m.	2:48 a.m./3:20 p.m.
Wed.	5:39 a.m./8:42 p.m.	3:07 a.m./4:30 p.m.

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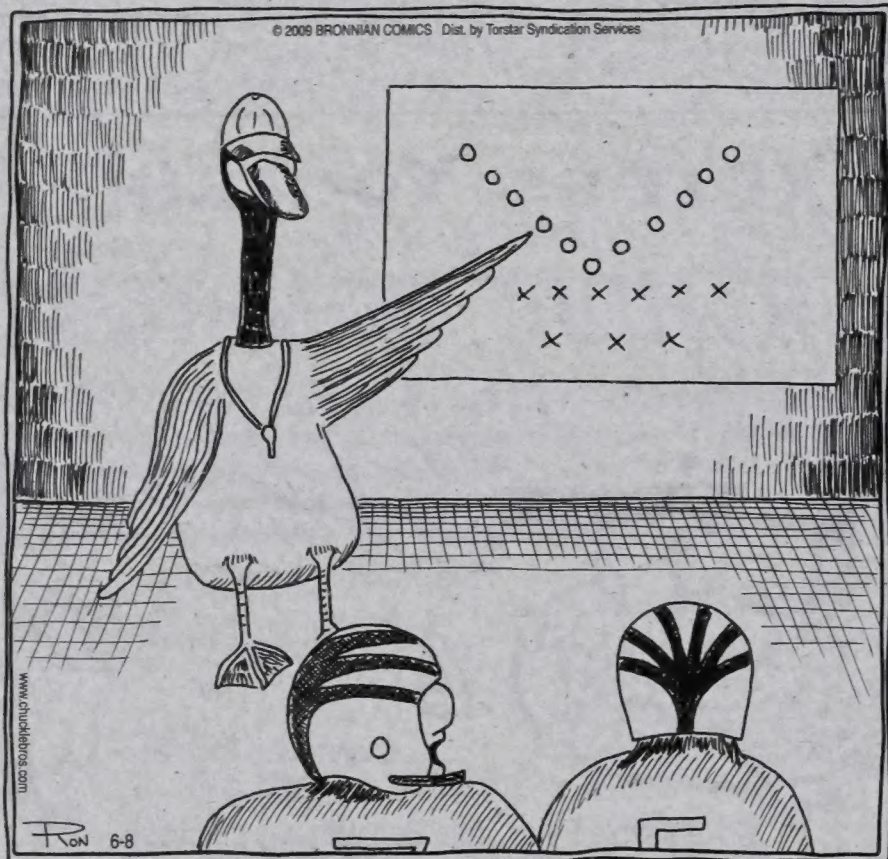


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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"(The Reeve) ... has forgotten that she works for us, the people."

We seem to have a Reeve (Eleanore Harrison in Algonquin Highlands) who thinks that whatever she feels needs to be done will be done no matter who is in the way.

She has locked the bears out of the dump after the bears have been trained over the last 50 years or more to eat at the dump, so now they hunt for food near resorts and peoples' backyards presenting an ever present danger to residents, even though it was stated that the installation of fences would be further investigated when the Hawk Lake Property Owners Association had a meeting which introduced the idea to the association. Instead, she went ahead and spent \$40,000 on ridiculous fencing that put resident lives in danger and was also turned off as soon as the tourists were finished visiting up here for the summer. This was done so they cannot be charged in any kind of law suit regarding some idiot with a camera who gets hurt at the dump. It has never occurred to the Reeve to lock out the idiots from the bears and make the dump a drive through where people can throw their garbage over a fence that lets the bears eat the food but not communicate with people.

The Reeve also has convenient Alzheimers disease in relation to any meeting she has had with the lake associations. Hawk Lake Property Owners Association meeting was not even mentioned in the local papers maybe that made it easy for her to forget almost being in tears and that when a vote was taken, only one person voted for the airport by raising their hand. She has also conveniently forgotten other lake association meetings which showed the same resistance to this airport. She did make reference to HER PEOPLE in reference to the complaint of the rate of speed of the landmail delivery which should be 40 km/hr. She has forgotten that she works for us the people and without us she would not be in this dictatorial position.

When a minimum of 85 to 90 percent of the residents of this county DO NOT WANT to support this runway which will be a money guzzler for the taxpayers as all airports have proven to be, it is definitely about time that our Reeve and her minions stop riding roughshod over the people who really care about the area and are not trying to be celebrities. Get down off your high horse and start doing something for the people instead of choking them with absurdities such as the airport runway which won't bring business to the area.

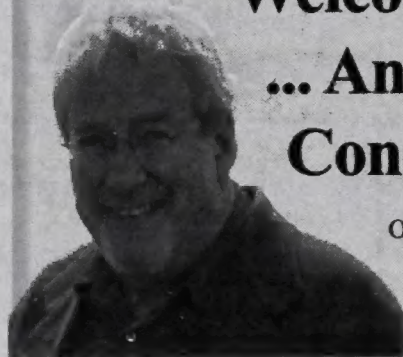
Way to go Dysart. It is extremely satisfying to know that a council is ready and willing to stand by the people that created that council. Sounds more like government for the people by the people not like the one we have in Algonquin Highlands.

Rose Cummings ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

Welcome Back Cottagers ... And Do We have a Condo for You



Of course, the beautiful weather of this week will probably give way to rain and cold for the May 24 (make that May 18th) weekend – that's what you get for fooling around with Queen Victoria, is my guess – but rainy long weekends seem to have become almost a tradition in these parts. Well, you can always stoke the fire, put the

docks in, clean the barbeque, buy a copy of Robert Rotenberg's Old City Hall at Under Cover Books, and check out the new Watercolours Condo development now open for sale at a realtor near you (in this case Drew Bishop or Mark Dennys at Century 21 in Haliburton).

That's assuming you've already made a beeline to your nearest grocery or convenience store to pick up a copy of this week's County Voice or Highlands Communicator – free of charge, and served up just for you – for a complete run down on Haliburton County news, features, sports, and upcoming events. The Voice is charging into its second successful summer, and the Communicator is rejoicing in its eighth fun filled, good news year.

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Watercolours For All

As for those condos, this week the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) approved the plans for the Watercolours Condominium to be built on the old Sir Sandford Fleming site overlooking Head Lake on Highway 118 heading towards West Guilford (see story on page one). A local group, Haliburton Condo Concern (HCC), under the aegis of Appellant Alison Mack, had appealed Dysart's decision to approve the development to the OMB. The OMB approval limits the development to four storeys, which the developer claims is all it wanted anyway. With any luck, and provided at least 65 percent of the condos are actually sold in advance, as opposed to reserved, the project should be set to go next spring.

The vocal and organized nature of the community activists seemed to surprise both Dysart Council and the developers, although in larger municipalities some kind of dissent would have been a given. After all, the building will be Haliburton's biggest by far, and represents a significant change in the Village's landscape.

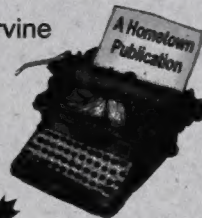
The OMB also smacked us all with the observation that we have no discernible visual or architectural character, so how could anyone deny that the development would fit in, recalling Dorothy Parker's famous comment about Oakland California that "there is no there, there."

Well, a discussion of Haliburton's architectural character, if it exists, can wait for another time. Suffice it to say that there's never been the kind of serious, sustained private money here that might have created a specific style: the OMB's glib, urban assumptions about small town life and financial realities are typical of an organization that's never been accused of understanding the subtleties and nuances of rural life.

In any event, the condo's a go, and without doubt it will provide housing at least to many loyal Haliburton residents who have decided their days by the lake are necessarily numbered. And perhaps it will attract more interesting development monies as well as helping local trades and builders in what might be a difficult summer next year. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

More Financial Fiasco in Minden Hills

At the April 30th Council Meeting in Minden Hills, our councilors voted in favour of instituting a new Finance Committee, one which will report quarterly to Council on the financial status of the Township, comparing expenditures to budgets, as well as overseeing all financial matters of the corporation. This is a very necessary component of running a corporation successfully.

Peter Oyler, who has been councilor responsible for financial matters, will chair the new committee. This is the same Peter Oyler who was unable to detect a 2008 \$375,000 deficit until early in 2009. It is also the same Peter Oyler who allowed a \$73,000 overrun (excluding labour) on the hockey team dressing room construction, again only to be discovered after the year end was over. (\$25,000 of this has fallen, unbudgeted, into the 2009 fiscal year.) This is the same Peter Oyler who spent the winter vacationing in Florida, thus being unable to attend council meetings, and especially the one when the 2009 budget was presented for approval. Curiosity abounds as to why Peter Oyler believes he is qualified for this chairman's job. Would it not have been more appropriate for Mr. Oyler to resign his financial responsibilities on Council?

Then another councilor, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch, volunteered to be on the Finance Committee. Cheryl Murdoch has also made "memorable" financial contributions to the Township in 2009. As councilor overseeing the Riverwalk project, she has already come to Council in 2009 asking for unbudgeted payments totaling \$49,000 for the overrun to-date on Riverwalk Phase 1. She indicated it had to be paid or Riverwalk would not be ready for the sesquicentennial celebrations in July.

Cheryl Murdoch is also overseeing the acquisition of furniture for the new library and failed to put the estimated \$100,000 for it in the 2009 budget. In addition, she missed a March 2009 deadline for submitting a grant application to help fund the furniture. She presented her proposal finally at the April 30th meeting and again, indicated it had to be approved so the furniture could be delivered and installed in time for the sesquicentennial celebrations. The library has been planned for some time, has now been built, and, presumably needed furniture from the start of the project. Do we see a pattern of poor project and financial planning and hostage-holding here?

Cheryl Murdoch's proposal for the furniture came in at \$158,341.25 (more than 50% higher than estimated) unbudgeted, and with no funding resources mentioned. Only after questioning by the business-savvy councilors was funding even discussed. There are only two real possibilities in place right now to pay for a bit of this furniture: an "assumed" (not confirmed) \$25,000 from the County, and \$20,000 "committed" (not collected) from fundraising efforts. To date, only vague references for other possible funding resources have been suggested for the balance of this furniture. Again, it's curious to know what Cheryl Murdoch believes qualifies her to serve on the new Finance Committee.

With no apparent financial accountability, or attention to the 2009 budget, we're only a third of the way into the new fiscal year and already Council has been asked to approve \$232,341 for projects not included in the 2009 budget (hockey dressing room, Riverwalk and library furnishings - see above).

Based on these performances for just the early part of 2009, it is clear that Peter Oyler and Cheryl Murdoch's areas of strength and experience do not lie in financial management. Surely after these performances, councilors Oyler and Murdoch can not expect taxpayers to have confidence in their ability to manage the Township's finances.

However, there is some good news in all of this. Councilors Ratcliff and Reid also volunteered to be on the Finance Committee. Hopefully, with their detail-oriented, business management and financial expertise, their level headed voices of reason will demand some financial accountability and project management proficiency on a go-forward basis.

Other good news comes with the government's announcement of Build Canada's Intake 2 Stimulus Fund allowing Minden Hills to make application for 2 more Build Canada projects, 2/3's of which will be funded from the federal government. If approved for funding, and if then by Council to proceed, infrastructure projects can be undertaken at a cost of 1/3 the normal expense to the Township. Minden Hills has identified two possible initiatives to enhance Minden. The first is Phase 2 of Riverwalk, including a boardwalk to the Cultural Centre and, a floating bridge across the river to get snowmobilers into town, bringing winter activity to the shops and restaurants. The second initiative is major utilities and surfacing upgrades to Bobcaygeon Road and Newcastle Street, as well as some streetscaping. These are much desired infrastructure improvements made possible now through the Stimulus Fund at a much reduced cost to the taxpayers. They also bring some new employment opportunities to the area throughout the construction period, and are expected to attract new business and more activity to the town and area.

The questions are "can we afford to undertake these projects" and, the bigger concern is "will Council be able to find qualified and proven project managers (doing all project homework, and bringing them in on budget and on time) to oversee these initiatives". This is essential to avoid any further expensive mismanagement disasters that have plagued the Township on recent projects. Perhaps this condition can be part of the decision-making process by Council to eliminate any further financial fiascos. We always live in hope!

Shelley Houser
Minden Hills ■

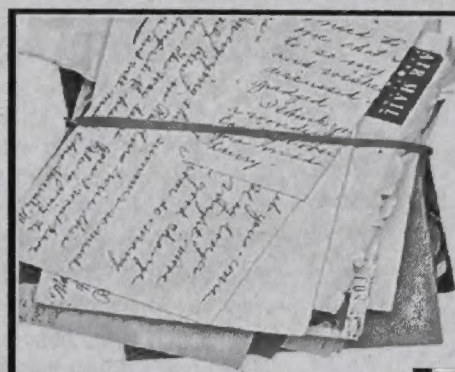
Dear Editor:

"Brazen conflict of interest and disregard for the democratic process reign supreme in these here parts!"

Should it come as a surprise that County Council voted to allow Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail? Given that County Council has delegated management of the rail trail to Trails and Tours, which is headed by the Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders -- I think not.

For Mr. Hooverman's information: I attended the January 22nd County of Haliburton Rail Trail Management Committee Public Meeting. Concerns regarding Enduro bikes on the trail were not raised at that meeting, as he is quoted, because it was not a forum in which to argue against presenters. It was a forum in which "the public" was to have a say, for consideration and decision making by the Committee and ultimately County Council, on the uses of a public space. Mr. Hooverman then chose to bring HIS particular issue before County Council on April 22nd, when the vote to disallow Enduro bikes on the trail at the Committee level was not to his liking. County Council on April 22nd then took the liberty of overturning the vote at the Committee level, resulting in the outcome to Mr. Hooverman's satisfaction. BRAVO! Brazen conflict of interest and disregard for the democratic process reign supreme in these here parts!

Ute Wright, Gelert ■



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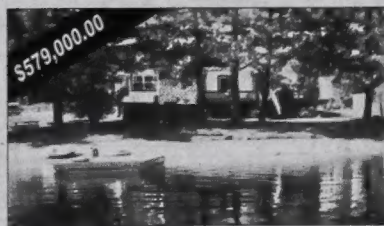
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150 Unit Development Now Available for Sale

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example to show that the process works. It's not about opinions; it's about policies and planning documents."

He said, "The positive thing is that we have a good developer and I think they'll do a first class development. This is what the community wanted and has been asking for and hopefully the development will be accepted eventually by everyone. This is a big project for the community. If it goes forward it's a major economic boon for us and will meet some of our housing needs for a long time."

David Mady, President of the Mady Development Corporation said, "We are very excited regarding the hard won OMB decision. Now that we've been given the green light to proceed, we have numerous tasks to complete to satisfy municipal and other approval authorities. In the meantime, we are proceeding full force with our sales and marketing efforts."

Mady said, "Our new sales centre VIP opening takes place on Thursday, May 14, 2009 and we will be open to the public the next day." (The new sales centre is located at 152 Highland Street.) He said that, subject to sales, they hope to break ground once they have received all of the appropriate approvals.

Mady also said, "We certainly look forward to becoming part of the Haliburton community."

In their initial response from Haliburton Condo Concern (HCC), the group that has worked closely with Alison Mack on the appeal, offered the following statement:-

"The bylaw, if it had been approved as written, allowed for a building up to seven storeys high. Watercolours has now been limited to a height of four storeys. We see this as a significant improvement. At the hearing, the developer was given the opportunity to agree to the height limit but disagreed with that proposal. Now the Board has ordered it."

As to agreements between the parties, Fearrey told the Voice that during negotiations leading up to the hearing, the developer offered to reduce the number of units from 150 down to 135.

Fearrey said that Mack and the members of HCC did not find the offer to downsize acceptable and held out for 90 units which the developer would not agree to.

Mack continues to question the Board's decision with respect to height. She said the original by-law set the maximum height at 73 feet (or 22.3 metres.) The Board has ordered that the by-law must specify a maximum height of 4 storeys. Mack says, "Since Ms. Martin testified at the hearing that a storey is 10 feet, simple math indicates that Watercolours should be significantly less than 73 feet high. Although the Board added a new means of defining maximum height, it did not expressly drop the old terms." Mack says that this leads to ambiguity.

Fearrey said, "The building was proposed from the start as four storeys plus the basement and I don't feel that anything has been

to the Official Plans of both the County and the Municipality.

In their decision, the Board referred to the case of Belle Himmel Investments vs. the City of Mississauga (1982) that stated that official plans are not statutes and should not be construed as such. The adjudicators said that individual proposals will always raise inconsistencies and in the course of considering whether a by-law conforms to an Official Plan (OP), broad interpretations may be used with a view of furthering policy objectives.

The decision stated that after listening to the opinion of the two planners (Rick Hunter of Planscape retained by the appellant and Pat Martin, Municipal Planner) the members preferred the interpretation of Martin with respect to conformity of the zoning by-law to both OP's and determined that Council had made a reasonable decision under the circumstances.

The second issue that the OMB considered was whether the proposed zoning by-law was consistent with the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) issued under the authority of the Planning Act. The Board accepted Martin's evidence that the PPS encourages intensification and improved accessibility for seniors and

that the development of a new form of housing with services for seniors was appropriate.

The third issue to be decided on was whether the proposed zoning by-law and the development were appropriate from the perspective of height, density, setbacks, landscaping, buffers and parking.

Hunter testified that the proposed building was too high given the three story limitation in Dysart's OP. Martin testified that the impact of the development's height would be lessened by the hill behind it. Photos supplied by Stephen Foster, of Haliburton Condo Concern, were considered well meaning, but inconclusive in determining any negative impact.

In their decision, the adjudicators commented that it would have been easier for everyone at the hearing if conceptual plans had been provided by the developer. During the hearing the Municipality proposed amending the by-law to restrict the building to four stories and despite the developer disagreeing, the Board ultimately ruled that the development would be restricted to four storeys.

With respect to density and the impact that 150 units would have on the area, the Board agreed that the density proposed for Watercolours, compared to existing developments, would not be unique in the community and the development would be acceptable.

The OMB concurred with Hunter's recommendation that setbacks be reduced solely for the parking structure and not the primary building. They found no substantial evidence of insufficient parking but despite Hunter stating that the buffers were insufficient for a building as high as Watercolours, no comment was made about either landscaping or buffers, although according to Mack a ruling was given.

The final issue was whether the development was consistent with the character of the Village or of a small town atmosphere in general. The Board's decision suggested that the matter of character is very subjective, particularly in an area that includes 'an eclectic mix of structures.' They ruled that the appellant had failed to demonstrate that the character of the area would be 'impugned or altered in any significant way.'

In their summary, the Board members found that the appellant (Mack) had failed to meet the standards required to mount a successful appeal and that the development was appropriate for Haliburton. In the summary the Board also allowed the appeal, in part, by restricting the height to four storeys and the parking structure setbacks as proposed.

In their summary the Board members state that should difficulties arise they may be approached for clarification. ■

"We're looking forward to becoming part of the Haliburton Community." (David Mady)

gained that our planner hadn't suggested." Fearrey also said that he was very proud of both his Council and their Planner for the decisions they made on this project.

Mack, however, has a very different opinion on the gains made by pursuing the appeal. In discussion with the appellant's experts, the Watercolours made several significant concessions. The planting strip buffer between Watercolours and the Hutchings/Barnes/ property lines was expanded from two feet to ten feet. The main building, which the by-law had permitted to be within two feet of the same property line, can now be no closer than 24.5 feet.

According to Mack, one third of the property has been rezoned to 'open space' so that no construction will ever be permitted on the hill. The bank, which obstructs views around the Highway 118 corner, now has to be levelled to road height to improve traffic sight lines.

According to Hal Kersey, who has been the official planner for Watercolours, the OMB decision approves the building as designed and approved by the Dysart Council. "The specified four storeys recognizes that the lowest level is not defined as

a storey within the meaning of the zoning by-law, or the Ontario Building Code." Kersey noted Dysart Planner Pat Martin's comments during the hearing that 'the building would appear to be five floors at the front facing the lake and four floors at the rear.' He says the four storey regulation is consistent with the conceptual plans that were submitted to the municipality and displayed at the public meeting.

Overall, there were four major issues for the OMB to consider. The first was whether the proposed zoning by-law to facilitate the development confirmed

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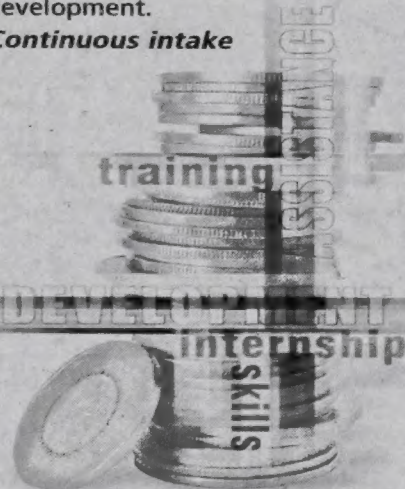
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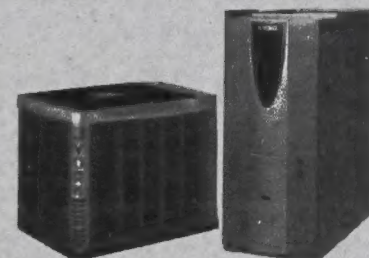
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Dahl Family Donates 500 Acres

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

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were open gravel pits, there were garbage dumps, it was crisscrossed with barbed wire fences, and cattle were free-ranging in the hills. And there was hardly a tree bigger than a person's leg."

90-year-old mother Peggy Dahl. Peggy, who is recovering from a broken hip suffered in a recent fall, could not be there in person, but sent her regards through Peter, who added that his mother had really wanted to be in attendance for this very special occasion.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce the proposed gift of the Dahl Forest to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust," said Ziman in her opening remarks and thank you to Peter. Ziman used the words proposed, because as Peter later explained, the actual contracts have not yet been signed.

"But the transfer is done, and I guess there's enough witnesses here today to confirm that," laughed Dahl, in the course of his ten minute presentation.

"This is a 500 acre property," explained Ziman. "It straddles both sides of the Burnt River for 2.7 kilometers. It's a property that's very rich in ecological diversity and home to many species, some of which are rare, or at risk."

Dahl was warmly welcomed by the crowd of about 25 people. This Dahl Forest is the second major land acquisition donated to the HHLT since they were incorporated in 2005. The first was Norah's Island donated by Bruce Carruthers to the HHLT to honour the memory of his late wife, Norah. The Carruthers owned the island for 32 years.

The island is near the north shore of Kennisis Lake, one of Haliburton's major cottage lakes, about 1,000 feet from the nearest mainland point. It covers 22 acres and is managed by interest earned from a \$50,000 endowment.

The Dahl Forest is located off Geeza Road, which runs off Gelert Road about 23 kilometers from Haliburton.

Peter Dahl was most gracious in his remarks, saying that the family never had an intention of selling the property, but simply wanted the pristine land to be enjoyed by visitors and residents.

In his short presentation he gave a brief history of the property, saying how his father, a Swedish immigrant, carefully planted over 100,000 trees on the property shortly after acquiring it in the mid-fifties.

Dahl said that the topsoil was so scant on the land that it all but disappeared after two crops. He said that the Swedes have a unique perspective on ecology and the environment. His dad, realizing that the land was not going to make inroads as a farm, decided to plant.

"Where we are, most of this land is gravel and rock," smiled Dahl, recalling his first introduction to the land now occupied by the lush green expanse of Dahl Forest.



Peter Dahl (left) on his family property



That all changed when the Dahl family, under his dad's tutelage decided to turn the rubble to arbour.

"My dad came from Sweden and Sweden has a long history of forestation, and forest farming, and a long history of appreciation for the countryside," said Dahl.

"Dad bought that property and immediately undertook to plant trees on it and over the next few years we planted a little over 100,000 trees on the property. I remember as a young kid sitting on a tree-planter behind the tractor pushing little seedlings into the ground."

Today he said that a lot of the trees are bigger around than he is. "Which is significant," chuckled Dahl.

He said that the kids grew up and went their separate ways. He said that the property blossomed through the transition, taking on its own personality. Some spots flourished, others faltered. A little like nature.

"Our philosophy toward the project was 'just leave it alone' and that's what we've done even though we've visited from time to time," said Dahl.

"We've tried to just let it be and let nature take its course."

The donation, then is significant, huge and welcomed by the HHLT.

Dahl says that the family has one overarching request. "I could talk about the conservation ethic and how we all have to assume some responsibility for caring for our land and its future."

But he said that it's all background, important, but it doesn't quite get to the crux of the issue and the pre-eminent reason for this very generous donation. He stated fervently that selling or subdividing was never an option for the family and especially not for his mother Peggy, who treasures this property.

"The decision to donate the land to the larger community is really based on our inability to sell it," said Dahl, with sincere finality.

"We spent over fifty years of tree planting, conservation and preserving that property ... how could we sell it at any price. It's inconceivable to me, and my sister, and certainly to my mother. It can't be done. It's part of my soul and it's part of my mother's and my sister's soul."

Peter had just one suggestion for the property, after thanking the land trust for their promise of care.

"There's something else for every one of you to do; and it's not going to cost you anything," smiled Dahl, looking out over the crowd.

"Enjoy the Dahl Forest Property. Go and run on it, walk on it, ski on it, canoe on it, swim in the river, paddle through it, go up and down the trails and throw deadfall off to the side, have a picnic. It's there for you all to enjoy," smile Dahl.

"It's part of our community and it's there for you."

The crowd then made the short drive from Wintergreen to the Geeza Road and did just that.

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Rick Johnson Visits With Local Business Owners

Chamber Members Raise Their Concerns, Johnson Speaks with The Voice

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Local Liberal MPP Rick Johnson admits that he doesn't have all the answers, but says he will do his best to try and get them for those in his riding.

That's the vow Johnson made to about 20 local business members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce during a greet and meet held at the Pinestone Resort on Thursday, April 23.

After briefly introducing himself to the locals from the business community, Johnson opened up the floor for discussion.

Some of the topics that were brought up included the harmonized sales tax set to replace the current GST and PST taxes in 2010, economic development in Haliburton County, the future of tourism in the area, and the original proposed school year calendar.

After the get-together, we asked Johnson some questions about his life as MPP so far, as well as a couple of questions on local issues that have been in the media as of late. Below are his responses.

Since you were sworn in as MPP, how has life for you been and what have you been up to in Haliburton County?

The day before I was sworn in, I came up for a Trillium grant presentation in Wilberforce. I've been in many meetings since I became MPP. So it can be tough to try catch up with the local people and the issues, but it's great when you can chat with them like we did at Pinestone. I believe that consulting with the communities will be really valuable to my success. It's a huge riding, so developing relationships with people is extremely important."

There has been a lot of opposition from members of the public towards the expansion project at the Stanhope Airport. What are your thoughts on the issues?



"It's a municipal issue. They (Algonquin Highlands) applied for funding and both the provincial and federal governments have committed to help them. For those who call my office to complain about, it's out of my hands. It's a municipal decision."

In Wilberforce and Cardiff, the two schools are undergoing a Program and Accommodation and Review process. After recent input meetings, some people in the communities said that the process is tearing their two communities apart. They've also expressed concern over the future of their communities should a school close. What are your thoughts on the issue?

"Well, that's unfortunate if they feel the process is doing that. But this is something that is happening at schools across the province because of low enrollment. It's not just a problem in these communities. It is up to the committee in the process and trustees to decide on what is best for the students. I believe that with more jobs in these areas, more families will move up and stay, which means there will be more kids to keep the schools full."



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FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. A beaver's home is called a _____.
Answer: _____
2. What creature produces pearls?
Answer: _____
3. In China, this device is called a sun pan, meaning "counting tray."
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Term for the second of two full moons occurring in the same month.
Answer: _____
5. The name for a roughly circular coral reef enclosing a shallow lagoon.
Answer: _____
6. What is the cube root of 125?
Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. A gaseous cloud of matter that

forces another substance out of a spray can.

Answer: _____
8. A form of algebra developed by English mathematician George Boole.
Answer: _____

9. The name for the celestial body of interstellar gas and dust where stars are sometimes born.
Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Lodge. 2. Oyster (clam). 3. Abacus. 4. Blue moon. 5. Atoll. 6. Five. 7. Aerosol. 8. Boolean algebra. 9. Nebula.

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From Left: Brad Duckworth, Branch Manager, Bruce MacFarlane, District Manager, and Haliburton BMO Staff Julie MacInnes, Brenda Fearrey, Glen Lessard, Erica Fearrey, Nelly Ashworth, and Laurie Johnson along with HHHS Foundation Executive Director Dale Walker, Chairman Peter Oyler, and Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush.

BMO Hatches Unique Scheme to Help Health Services Foundation

Haliburton Bank of Montreal Branch Manager Brad Duckworth, along with District Manager Bruce MacFarlane and local BMO staffers, announced an innovative Health Services fundraising scheme at the Branch last week. For every newly approved Master Card applied for and approved at the branch, BMO will contribute \$50 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Their goal is to open 100 new Master Card accounts before October 31st, 2009, which would mean a \$5000 donation for the Foundation.

Applications must be dropped off at the Haliburton branch to qualify, and the offer applies to all applications submitted between May 1st and October 31st, 2009. Branch Assistant Manager Nelly Ashworth and staff have already received an encouraging number of applications: after all, they only need about 15 a month to make their goal. The branch staff is encouraging parents whose children are off to post-secondary institutions, for example, to make their first credit card a BMO Master Card for "a chance to support the HHHS without digging into your own pocket."

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On May 26, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signs into law the Comprehensive Immigration Act, which denied entry to Mexicans, Eastern and Southern Europeans and Japanese. The Japanese government viewed the American law as an insult, and declared May 26 a national day of humiliation in Japan.

On May 28, 1987, Matthias Rust, a 19-year-old amateur pilot from West Germany, takes off from Finland, travels through more than 400 miles of Soviet airspace, and lands his small Cessna aircraft in Red Square by the Kremlin in Moscow. The event proved to be an immense embarrassment to the Soviet government and military. One American diplomat in the Soviet Union joked, "Maybe we should build a bunch of Cessnas." Soviet officials were not amused.

On May 30, 1806, in a duel with pistols, future President Andrew Jackson kills a man who insulted his wife, Rachel, who married Jackson before being divorced from her previous husband. Rachel's divorce caused more of a scandal in the press and in parlors than Jackson's killing of Charles Dickinson.

On May 31, 1870, Professor Edward Joseph De Smedt receives two patents for "French asphalt pavement." On July 29, the first road pavement of sheet asphalt was laid on William Street in Newark, N.J.

Sharing the Road is Not Always Easy

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's Cycling Master Plan is taking another step forward with the installation of 'Share the Road' signage throughout the County, but sometimes the easiest tasks are not quite that simple. At their April 30th meeting, the Algonquin Highlands Council agreed with the placement of a number of signs in key touring locations within the municipality.

Brian Whetstone, the Manager of Operations, reported that as a result of a successful application through the Province, the Cycling Coalition had requested that a number of signs be placed throughout the municipality in accordance with recommendations made in the Cycling Master Plan.

One of the primary outcomes identified in the master plan was to develop and implement a bicycle route signage plan for recommended cycling routes. By achieving this some of the goals outlined in the plan are put into action, including continuing to provide a network of road route options for cyclists, building awareness among cyclists and motorists and continuing to market the County as a cycling destination.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison asked who had chosen the location for the signs and Whetstone advised that it had been Sue Shikaze as a member of the Cycling Coalition. Shikaze has also been working with the County to have

signs installed in key locations on County Roads. Dysart also discussed placement at their meeting on Monday, May 11th.

Whetstone did comment that, over the previous weekend, he had seen at least 50 cyclists and they had not been totally inclined to share the road. Whetstone said, "Even though they were all wearing 'Share the Road' jerseys they were riding three abreast and were all over the road."

Harrison said she felt that this type of riding was unsafe and certainly not indicative of any sharing of the road concept, but getting back to the matter at hand, she asked if the chosen locations for the signs were appropriate. Questions were raised about whether the signs should be located where there is a lot of vehicular traffic or where there is a lot of cycling traffic.

Whetstone responded that the Coalition had highlighted locations where there is a lot of cycling activity.

Councillor Carol Moffatt asked if the municipality had designated cycling routes in place and Whetstone advised that the plan identified a number of routes and the signs had been identified as a method of educating the public about the shared use of the road.

Whetstone advised Council that there would also be bicycle racks provided as part of the project and suggested either the Stanhope Museum or the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre as good locations for the racks, adding that consideration should be given to the Dorset Community Centre as well.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said he was willing to support the installation, but asked why no signs had been identified in the northern portion of the municipality. Whetstone said the decisions had been based on where there are the most riders. He added that he hoped to add the signs to

existing sign posts wherever possible.

Moffatt said, "The Master Plan is great and it's a good idea to encourage people to get out. It's an important part of tourism and should be encouraged. Council agreed."

Meanwhile, in Dysart et al, Roads Superintendent, Brian Nicholson reported the results of the Transportation Demand Management Committee meeting of May 11th, where it was agreed that the County would proceed to order the Share the Road signage. At that time the County agreed to coordinate placement of signs with all of the four townships for the necessary approvals.

According to Nicholson, overall there are up to 100 signs to be installed throughout the County, most of which will be on County Roads. Nicholson reported that in Dysart there would be two signs on Pine Avenue, two on Green Lake Road and one on the Barry Line. He confirmed that the municipality would assume responsibility to install

the signs in consultation with the 'Share the Road' group.

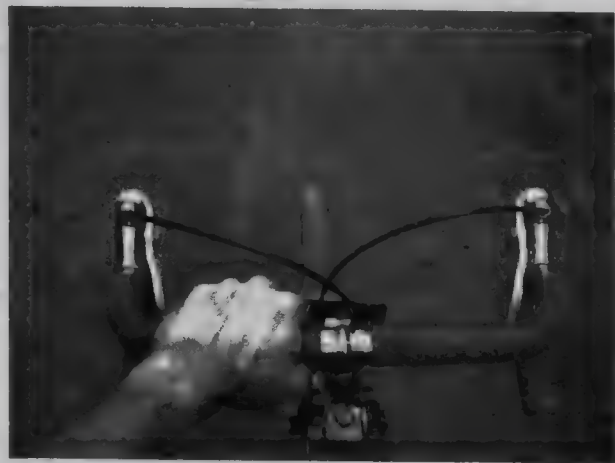
Reeve Murray Fearrey was concerned that the Green Lake Road is already quite narrow, but Nicholson said that flat sections of the road had been identified as locations. He too said that the signs were intended to make people conscious of the fact that there are cyclists on the roads.

Nicholson chuckled and said that his committee had considered asking Councillors to take part in a challenge, but no one took the bait.

Nicholson also raised the fact that bike racks would be installed in key locations. He said that the Cycling Coalition had been asked to suggest locations, but added that he thought the arena would be a good location. Fearrey suggested that the new library would be an excellent location for one of the racks.

Councillor Andrea Roberts asked that they not be placed on the main street as they would likely not fit in with the overall streetscape plan that is in progress.

Council supported the installation of the signs. ■



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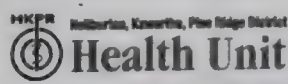
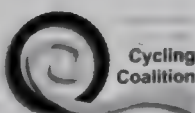
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15th Annual "Let's Get Physical" Walk

For the 15th year in a row Minden put on its annual Sneaker Day walk to encourage participants to welcome the spring, get some fresh air and exercise, and enjoy some refreshments and draw prizes. Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon welcomed this year's walkers on a beautiful spring day last Friday in the Village Green, and Piper Jim Milne led the walkers down Main Street for the 30 minute walk.

The event was started 15 years ago by Marg Graham and since then it's had the ongoing support of the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Pine Ridge Health Unit, spearheaded by Health Promoter Sue Shikaze, who commented, "We really hope that the 15th annual event carries on the tradition by getting people active and enjoying the outdoors." A cheerful and hardy band of walkers did just that while taking in some spring sunshine and enjoying each others' company. ■

Lyn Winans

Photojournalist

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One Person's Trash Is Another's Treasure

Art Hive Partners Up with Environment Haliburton! for Eclectic Exhibit

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Local artists have put trash to good use for the Art Hive's latest exhibit entitled "I Found it at the Dump".

For this exhibit, which opened up on Friday, May 8, artists were required to submit entries which were made with at least one component of reused, scavenged, found or 'repurposed' material.

"There's a fantastic, eclectic mix of pieces," said Erin Lynch, founding member of The Art Hive, during the opening reception this past Sunday. There are over 40 submissions in the show.

This exhibit is special, in that it is a joint project between the Art Hive and Environment Haliburton (EH!) – an environmental group in the Haliburton Highlands.

On Saturday, May 30 at 7 p.m. in the Art Hive, a silent and live auction will take place. Proceeds from the night will go to both the Art Hive and EH!

Heather Ross, President of EH!, praised the exhibit for the awareness it is raising about the environment.

"This theme couldn't be better," said Ross this past Sunday. "The dumps are filling up...this exhibit shows that you can give trash new life instead of bringing it to the dump."

Last year the Art Hive partnered up with Cottage Dreams, a local charity that gives cancer survivors an opportunity to spend a week at a donated cottage with friends and family. That exhibit was called "Cash Cups for Cancer" and it featured works of art made from pieces of bras. Through that exhibit a total of \$1,150 was raised for Cottage Dreams.

So come out and catch all the action at the auction on May 30. Local spoken word artist Ryan Dawson will be the emcee for the night and Albert Saxby of The Bucket of Shrimp Ears will be performing.

You can also stop in to the Art Hive before then to take a look at the pieces and place a bid on silent auction items.

For more information contact Erin Lynch at 705 754-0021. ■



"Aly the Alien" finds her home atop a ledge in The Art Hive.



These "Old Soles" looking pretty spiffy for being made out of a recycled medium by artist Teghan Dodds.

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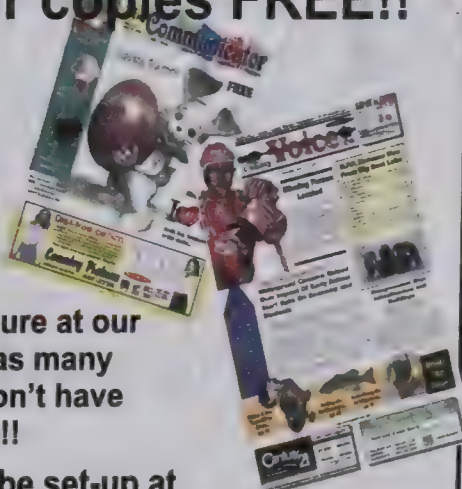
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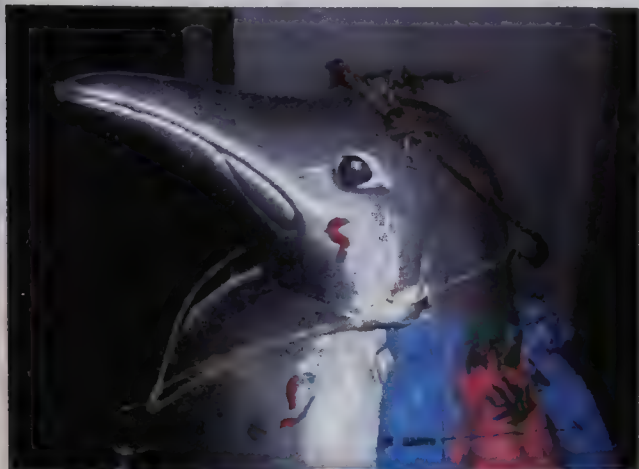


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Many came out to take a look at the pieces on exhibit during the opening reception.



This lonely penguin made by Jane Selbie is comprised of magazines, a satellite dish and styrofoam.

A Caring Heart is at the Centre of Community Care

Service Offered by Not-for-Profit Organization Enhanced by New Van

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

For over 26 years, one local organization has made people their number one priority.

In Haliburton County this not-for-profit organization has been addressing the needs of seniors, adults with disabilities and/or illness and their caregivers through a compassionate and caring approach. This volunteer-driven, charitable organization is Community Care.

Over the years, this group has proven to be a considerable asset to the community and the people it serves. "People helping people" is a simple phrase that encapsulates what this organization is all about.

The purpose of Community Care is to enable those it serves to "remain independent at their place of residence for a longer



Paul Ungood lowers down a client out of Community Care's Dodge Caravan.

program, nutritious frozen meals are delivered to a client's home for a nominal fee. This program ensures that the nutritional needs of the client are met, and it also makes for some great social interaction between the client and the volunteer driver.

Another service is in the form of Emergency Response Systems. These easy-to-use electronic devices allow a client to get help quick should they require it at any time, day or night. By simply pushing a button (either on the stationary console or on waterproof pendant they carry on them), the device automatically dials trained staff at a communications centre who then contact the person designated to assist in an emergency.

Last summer, Community Care received a little something that would help them provide even more of a sense of independence to their clients. That little something came from the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) in the form of a seven-passenger Dodge Caravan.

Judy Cumming, Community Care Services Co-ordinator, explained why the van has quickly become such an asset to Community Care and clients in a recent interview with The Voice.

"Right now the van is being used to bring people from more remote areas into Haliburton or Minden so that they can go to stores and get the essential items they need," said Cumming. "They can also do other things such as go to a doctor's appointment or get their hair done."

Since the van got out on the road recently, clients from places such as Harcourt, Wilberforce and Tory Hill have used the service.

But that's just a sample of some of the areas the van will travel to. Cumming says that Community Care is eager to hear from other people in the county who need to get into town.

"We need to hear from them in order to get the service out to them," she said.

The van, which runs four days a week, drives people in

period." Their mission is also to "co-operate with others in the county to create an awareness of client needs and enhance the quality of life."

Thanks to a committed volunteer base, Community Care is able to provide a host of services to clients, some of which have been around for many years.

For example, through the Meals On Wheels

groups to their destinations. There is a fee to use the service, but it is affordably priced.

So what's inside this vehicle? There's one feature in particular that stands out. One of the passenger seats is known as a "turny seat". This means that the seat can be moved via a remote control.

"It turns so it's facing outside of the van, then it comes out of the van, and then it lowers down," explained Cumming. "So a person who has some mobility issues just sits in the seat and then they are raised up into the van."

Cumming wants to place emphasis on the fact that Community Care has always had a transportation service, even before the van.

"We've had volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles to transport clients to medical appointments, inside and outside

of the county," she said. "We are going to continue to provide that service, but because we've never had an agency van we haven't been able to provide this kind of group, social form of transportation. We really felt that this was an enhancement to a service that we were already offering."

Since Community Care provides so many services, the

organization heavily relies on donations to keep things running smoothly. This past February, the group hosted the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. Through the three-day event thousands of dollars were raised for Community Care. The event will take place again next year, during the first weekend of March Break.

Another big fundraiser Community Care hosted last August was the annual Country Music Hoe Down. The evening show featured several talented local performers, and through it over \$10,000 was raised.

This year, there are various ways that you can help show your support through monetary donations.

Starting on June 5 at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show at the Haliburton Curling Club, you can pick up a copy of Community Care's "Fabulous Feasting and Fun" coupon book. For the cost of \$30 this book will come in handy when you're looking for great places to dine in the Highlands, followed by some leisure activities.

Hilary Elia, Resource Development Co-ordinator for Community Care, says that the fun component is a new addition to the annual book.

"The whole idea is that you'd be able to take part in a fun activity, such as paint-balling, and then go out for dinner afterwards in the county," said Elia. "This way we can promote partnerships and relationships within our community, and people can see what attractions we have in the county."

The coupons inside the book are valid for one year and only 300 books have been produced.

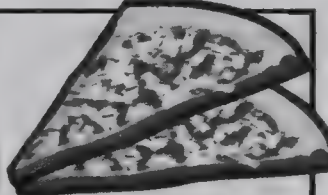
Some of the other services that Community Care and its volunteers provide include: home help, home maintenance, security checks and friendly visits.

If you'd like to use the van and meet Community Care's demographic criteria, contact Judy at 705 457-2941 or email her judy@communitycarehaliburton.com. For more details on the coupon book or upcoming fundraising events that Community Care is hosting, call Hilary at number mentioned above.

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Brad Archer Becomes the Chef to Beat

Since October, seven local chefs have taken on SIRCH's "Chef-of-the-Month" challenge. On Wednesday, April 29, a record in the challenge was set by Brad Archer, owner of the Mill Pond Restaurant.

Archer's meal plan for a day (for a family of four), consisted of oatmeal and juice for breakfast; peanut butter sandwich's and Kool Aid for lunch; and turkey stew and Kool Aid for dinner. With a plan that came in at a cost of \$7.51 (\$1.88 per person), Archer has become the chef to beat.

The goal of the Chef-of-the-Month initiative is to raise awareness about familial poverty in the county and the challenges people face when trying to feed healthy meals to their families on a strict budget.

On each third Wednesday of the month, a chef comes to Bob & Wendy's Foodland to put on a live cooking demonstration and give tips on how to shop for food on a budget.

Nancy Brownsberger, SIRCH Social Marketer and coordinator of the program, says each chef has put forth impressive efforts to do their best in the challenge.

"I feel they've been terrific," said Brownsberger in a phone interview with The Voice. "They've been very dedicated in trying to meet the objective. Each chef has spent a lot of time doing research and using their own expertise to come up with a meal plan."

Each of the chefs recipes have been made available to the public at the live demonstrations and after - through SIRCH and in issues of The Voice.

"We know that the recipes are being used by people and we know the community's awareness about poverty has been increased," added Brownsberger. "Some people have called the SIRCH office to ask for information and others have come into pick up copies of the recipes."

Each recipe can also be found online at www.sirch.on.ca by clicking on the "what's new" link. From there you will see a link to download a PDF of the recipes just under the Chef-of-the-Month 2008-2009 headline.

The next chef challenge will stray from the norm, by featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students from the hospitality and tourism program. The students will take on the challenge with a focus on Canada's Food Guide.

So come on out to see how the students do on Wednesday, May 27 at 11 a.m. in Foodland.

For all inquiries about the program contact Nancy at 705 457-1741 ext. 21. ■

SIRCH Challenge Asks Local Chefs to Concoct a Meal Plan on a Tight Budget

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Turkey Stew

Ingredients:

1 cup of diced carrots
2 portions of Turkey meat
1/4 stalk of diced celery
1/4 cup chicken soup base
1 small onion
2 diced potatoes
1/4 cup corn starch mixed with water until desired consistency

Directions:

In a separate pot place 1/4 cup chicken soup base, carrots, celery, onion, potatoes and turkey meat
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Climate Change Realtor

An Indonesian minister has proposed that the country "rent" out some of the archipelago's numerous uninhabited islands to people who are losing their own island and coastal homes due to rising sea levels. The *Jakarta Post* reports Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Minister Freddy Numberi raised the idea prior to an international forum on how climate change is affecting the world's oceans. The report said he had not yet discussed the proposal in depth with President Yudhoyono. Some small-island nations have begun to shop around for new "homeland" in other countries for citizens that may be rendered homeless when the rising tides submerge areas where they now live. This is an especially urgent issue for the Maldives, where most of the land is only about 5 feet above the surface of the Indian Ocean.

British Rat Plague

An exploding rat population in British cities is being blamed on the rodents' growing resistance to existing poisons. The resistance may lead to the use of chemicals currently banned due to environmental reasons. "We are very concerned about this from a public health point of view," said Oliver Madge, chief officer of the British Pest Control Association. The trade group says it has identified two unnamed towns in Berkshire, where it claims the rats are very nearly immune to currently allowed poisons. It also points to years of mild winters and wet summers that have created favorable conditions for the rats to breed. The association is petitioning the government to allow the outdoor use of two powerful rodenticides, brodifacoum and flocoumafen, which some fear could endanger birds and pets.

Bat Cave Ban

Thousands of bat caves and former mines are being closed for up to a year across 33 states in an effort to control a fungus that has killed a half-million bats in two years. U.S. Forest Service biologist Becky Ewing said an emergency order was issued for caves in 20 states from Minnesota to Maine, and another 13 states in the southern region should join in later this month. Scientists suspect humans may inadvertently carry the fungus from cave to cave where bats hibernate. Caving groups have said they do not object to the closings, considering the urgent threat posed to much of the country's bat population.

Earthquakes

Residents in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas and nearby areas were awakened before dawn by a sharp quake centered just south of the capital. While there were no reports of significant damage or injuries due to the quake, torrential rains and high winds damaged several transmission towers, knocking out power to some sections of Caracas not long after the shaking ended.

• Earth movements were also felt in Guatemala, southern Germany and Bulgaria.

Typhoon Season

The season's first tropical cyclone to strike the Philippines killed at least 27 people and displaced thousands in the east of the country. Typhoon Kujira swirled over Mindoro Island before moving northeastward into the Pacific and intensifying to a Category 4 storm.

• Typhoon Chan-Hom struck the far northern Philippines late Thursday with winds of 85 mph.

Solar Overlap

The sun has continued to be mainly free of sunspots over the past few months, puzzling solar observers and actually allowing Earth to cool a little in an otherwise warming climate. The first sunspots of the next solar cycle appeared in early 2008 but have not been followed by very many others since that time. In a curious astrophysical development on April 29, a spot that appeared to be associated with the previous 11-year cycle emerged. Sunspots early in a new cycle usually appear at mid-latitudes of the solar surface, then gradually emerge closer to the equator as the solar cycle progresses. The location of the April 29 sunspot near the equator is one sign that it probably belonged to the previous cycle.

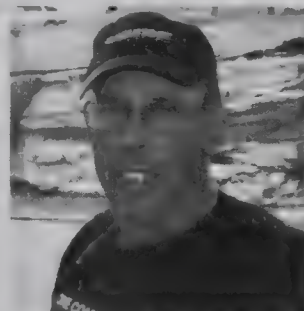
Arachnid Invasion

Pest control experts in one northeast Australia town have been busy responding to panicked requests to remove giant and venomous spiders that have invaded back yards, gardens and businesses. For the past six weeks, residents of the coastal community of Bowen, Queensland, have reported seeing the huge bird-eating spiders, the size of a man's hand, crawling in public areas. Queensland Museum spider expert Robert Raven identified the arachnids as the eastern tarantula, which is also known as the whistling spider (*Phlogius crassipes*), the largest spider in Australia. Amalgamated Pest Control technician Audy Geiszler says the spiders have been pushed out of their natural habitat over the past month by heavy, unseasonable rains.

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Tougher drinking and driving legislation laws were implemented in Ontario on Friday, May 1st. Under the new law, those who are found to have a blood alcohol level between .05 and .08 (the "warn" area) will have their license suspended for three days. On a second offence a driver will receive a seven-day suspension and will have to attend an alcohol education program. We asked people "How do you feel about the new laws? What kind of an effect could these laws have in our community?"



Jim Therrien, Tory Hill – "If it's going to deter people from drinking and driving then I'm all for it. But the one thing that I'd like to know is how much of a difference is there between .05 and .08? How do we know that? If it means that people can't have one drink with their meal, then local businesses might feel an impact. I don't drink, but I'd definitely like to see this legislation deter people from getting people behind the wheel after they drink."



John McDonald, Haliburton – "I don't like drunk driving at all. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy wine from time to time, but I let my wife drive if I've had some. I do the same for her if she's had anything to drink. I'm not so sure that a significant percentage of offenders in this area will be caught, even with the new law. I own Lakeview Motel and the guests who drink just take cabs. I hope this legislation will help to keep the roads safe."



Mike Bainbridge, Minden – "I don't think that it's a bad thing necessarily. However, my problem with it is what does .05 exactly mean? How can people tell how many drinks that is? I've always been curious to know what it would take to blow over at .08. But I guess when you're in doubt you should play it safe. It'll help make our roads safer. It may have an impact in the community because people here don't live close to the taverns."



Nick Adams, Haliburton – "My friends and I were just talking about the drinking and driving issue a few days ago. With all the accidents and fatalities you begin to wonder what we're going to have to do next to raise awareness. I think that an educational component is the most important thing. The courts are tied up enough already as it is, so drinking and driving offences are just adding to that. Anyone who gets nabbed for it should have to take some courses."

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Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition Doubles Number of Events This Season

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

What kind of vehicle is made up of two wheels, is pedal-driven, takes a human's energy to power, and is likely still buried in your garage if you haven't taken care of your spring cleaning?

The answer: a bicycle.

Whether you're an avid cyclist or are just learning how to ride, biking in the Highlands can prove to be a very enjoyable (and healthy) method of transportation. A bike can take you to places you never knew existed in the county, and the great thing about the sport is that you don't have to go it alone.

Besides being a great way to experience the outdoors and get in some much needed exercise, cyclists who go out in groups gain a sense of camaraderie when they take on the hills, straight stretches and everything in between – together.

In the community there are a couple of cycling groups. One of these groups – which not only organizes rides but also advocates for the sport of cycling – is the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition (HHCC).

And now that the winter weather has subsided, the cycling season is off to a speedy start.

On Thursday, April 30, at McKeck's Place in Haliburton, members of the HHCC hosted their first event of the season, the "Spin Dig". At the evening get-together, "bikers" of all ages and abilities were able to socialize, watch some bicycle "shorts" (films) and take home some prizes through draws.

Since forming in the fall of 2005, the HHCC has grown by leaps and bounds. In their first year, the group hosted one event, which was a cycling festival in Head Lake Park. Since then, that event (known as the Shifting Gears Cycling Festival) has grown in popularity and size. At last year's Shifting Gears Cycling Festival, people were able to go on rides, get advice from biking experts, participate in family-orientated games and watch some live musical entertainment. That event will be happening again this season, on Saturday, June 30.

But in addition to this large-scale, featured event, the group hosts a number of workshops and organized rides throughout the spring and summer seasons.

Sue Shikaze, one of the founding members of the organiza-



tion and Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), says that the group serves several purposes.

"We want to raise awareness, in general, about cycling in the community," said Shikaze in an interview with The Voice.

Some of the Cycling Coalition's main goals are to: raise awareness about cycling opportunities in the area; act as a voice for cyclists; and provide information about the benefits of cycling to

the public.

Planning is also a big part of what the HHCC does. In recent years, the group has worked on putting together a Cycling Master Plan. The group felt it was necessary to create the plan for the sake of bettering cycling opportunities in the county and getting more people out on two wheels in the future.

The HHCC received funding from the Ministry of Health Promotion (Communities in Action Fund) and the Haliburton County Development Corporation (Community Capacity Building Fund) to put the plan together.

In the process of creating the plan, the group received input from local stakeholders, decision makers and

the community at large. According to the HHCC's web site, the plan will "provide a holistic framework to guide activities and decisions over the next 20 years. It is intended to be a living document that continues to be shaped and built upon as elements of the plan take life and new opportunities arise."

The key objectives of the plan are to: provide a framework for integrating bicycling into transportation planning in Haliburton County; develop a strategy to promote and encourage more cycling; and identify further opportunities to develop and promote cycling within the county.

And not only can regular riders find enjoyment in the events hosted by the HHCC, so can individuals who are new to the sport and those who just haven't ridden in a while.

"I've talked to a lot of people who haven't ridden a bike in 14 years or more," explained Shikaze. "Through our spring workshops a lot of people can dust off their bikes, get in a group in environment and get comfortable on their bikes once again. We also offer a lot of guided rides so that people can explore some routes and go out in a safe, group setting."

Shikaze says that the group rides have been created to cater to those of all ages and cycling abilities.

"What we've tried to do is choose routes that are easy to moderate," she explained.

An example of an easy ride would be the Eagle Lake-West Guilford tour which is scheduled for June.



Riders on this tour will go over some gently rolling hills, but for the most part, the route is flat. The trip, which starts and finishes at the West Guilford Community Centre, is 23 kilometers long.

The Well-Balanced Ride, also taking place in June, offers riders a little more of a challenge. The 34-kilometer ride starts in Minden and goes to Kinmount. It's expected to take two to three hours to complete and riders will be able to stop-off for breakfast while on the tour.

Examples of some of the other fun rides the group is hosting this summer include a Bike to School challenge for local students and a Workplace Commuter Challenge for people in the workforce.

This year, the HHCC has added guided mountain bike rides and workshops to their list of many activities.

"I would say that this year, we've probably doubled the number of events that we're hosting in comparison to last year," said Shikaze. "We had a really good response from people who participated in rides and workshops last year, so that's why we thought we'd expand on them."

To find out about all of the free cycling rides and workshops that are available, visit www.cyclehaliburton.ca. You can also find a map on the web site of common cycling routes in the county.

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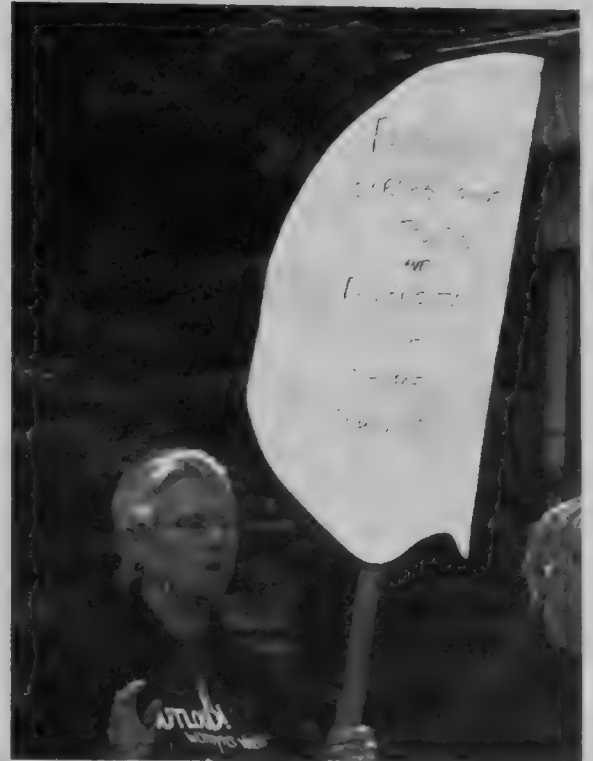
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Protesters Lift their Voices in Song in Stanhope

Last Thursday, the choral group Outloud Womyn's Voices were joined by a number of their friends to protest the Stanhope Airport expansion project and the process, or lack thereof that led the Algonquin Highlands Council to approve the project. Many of their own taxpayers and other residents in the County are on the record as opposing any expansion.

The Outloud Womyn's Voices were first established about 10 years ago. This strong group were inspired by Louisiana born artist and activist Carolyn McDade, one of Haliburton's principal songwriters, to raise their voices in harmony and to live their lives "in ways that heal...uplift and bring our human family to right relationships and reverence..." The group that has continued is known for being committed to social justice.

The very peaceful and respectful group of protesters carried signs and papers that said, "We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future.....(thus) it is imperative that we, the peoples of the Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life and to future generations." These words may have been quoted directly from the Earth Charter, but to the Outloud Womyn's Voices they somehow seemed to fit the situation in Algonquin Highlands.

Their actions referred to the public outcry locally about the airport development, the municipality's failure to support the wishes of their residents, and the perception that the municipality has not adequately consulted the public. All of these things were felt to be a 'violation of democracy.' They raised questions about why there had been no referendum on the development and asked Council to reverse their decision to build the airport.

This small rally is just a taste of what is being planned for the Council meeting next Thursday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m., once again in front and possibly even in the Council Chambers of the Algonquin Highlands municipal office. ■



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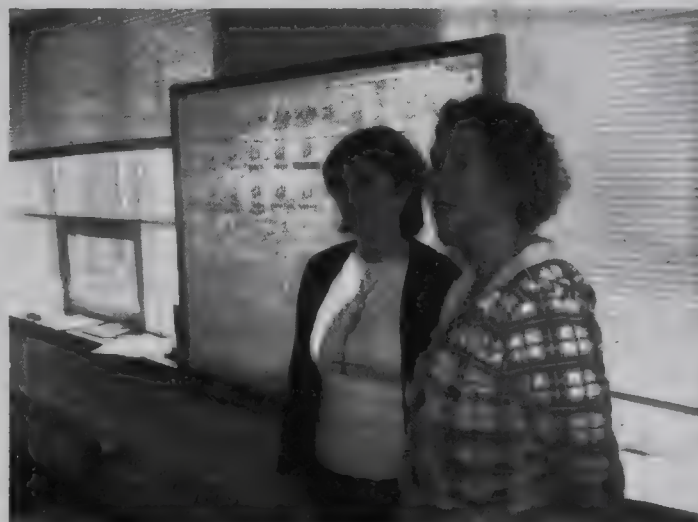
Approximately six years ago the Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) Parent Council, under the leadership of Heather Coneybeare, made the acquisition of modern, safe, playground equipment a fund-raising priority. The Council was determined to provide Stuart Baker children, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade Three, with the best set of playground equipment available.

Over the years the Council had to overcome all kinds of obstacles. School Board and government regulations are extremely strict as to just what kind of equipment is suitable, safe, and, of course, insurable. And good equipment doesn't come cheap. At times it seemed as if the project would never see the light of day: at one time the budget was set at about \$30,000, which was no mean sum for a small school to raise. Eventually the project would cost almost \$50,000. But over the years successive Parent Council Chairs, including notably Keith Clarke, managed to raise the money through a wide variety of events. The most successful proved to be the School's annual Fun Day. Current council Chair Shannon McCracken says the Council decided to concentrate its efforts on the Fun Day rather than have the children involved in chocolate bar sales and the like. "We felt they were really too young for that kind of activity: and the Fun Day involves the entire family, for just one day a year."

Last week Ms. McCracken and SBES Principal France Meunier celebrated the arrival of the final elements in what Meunier describes as "as good as any playground equipment in the entire board." And to judge from the way the children flock to the sandboxes, climbing structures, shuffleboards, and even a map of Canada, all the effort and dedication has been a great success.

And now the School Council's focus has shifted to the provision of Smart Boards in the school library, and eventually in every classroom. Smart Boards, made by the SmartTech Corporation, allow a vast array of interactive communication between the student, the teacher, and various software programs. It's basically a large, hi resolution computer screen that can be activated and manipulated by touching the screen, from the keyboard, or from the student's desk. Projects as diverse as writing assignments, painting, and mathematics can be taught and assembled either as a class or individual project. In a way, it's a kind of super-sophisticated chalk board. SBES John Stephen points out that it's also extremely useful in teaching youngsters exactly how to manoeuvre around the computer itself, how to find, alter, and save projects.

At the moment the SBES library boasts its own Smart Board, as do four other classrooms. The School Council is now raising funds to buy another six to ensure that all their students have access to the technology. And at \$3000 per, the Council and all SBES parents will be working hard to ensure the screens are in place as soon as possible. This year's Fun Day is today, Thursday May 14th at 4:00 pm at the school. ■



Principal France Meunier and School Council Chair Shannon McCracken in front of the smart board.



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The Highlands Spinners and Weavers Guild Rag Rug To Go In Bowron House

George Farrell
Staff Reporter

This esteemed group of artisans has been in existence for over 30 years. At the present time there are 24 members—all women, and they still find themselves without a permanent home within which to house their equipment and supplies.

The Spinners and Weavers, until two years ago, occupied the Pritchard House in Minden. Then the Municipality in its wisdom subsequently decided to remove them. Much to the consternation of the Spinners and Weavers, and other groups and individuals, Pritchard House has since remained empty.

Since vacating Pritchard House the group has been storing smaller looms and equipment in various members' houses. The Guilds library, consisting of weaving resource books, as well as additional equipment, is being stored at the Minden branch of the Legion, where monthly meetings also take place.

"We're actively looking for an affordable space.

What we need is a benevolent millionaire," Guild member Jean Farrell says laughing. "We can't afford high rent because we're a not-for-profit organization."

It's frustrating enough having all your required supplies and equipment spread all over the place, but the biggest problem was where to put the 100", two-person loom, which requires considerable space not just for its storage, but also for two people to work on and around it.

"The reverend Riscylla Shaw of St Paul's Anglican Church in Minden thankfully let us set up the loom in one of the upstairs rooms of the church," Farrell reveals, and for the time being at least, the loom and the women, are happily ensconced in their holy quarters.

"The loom needs constant care and attention," according to Jean. "It doesn't like to be moved, so it really needs a permanent home. We need to raise some money and spend it on replacing some older parts. When it's operating it really takes a beating, and it needs constant maintenance."

In the meantime the loom is being used by teams of two women, for the purpose of creating a huge rag rug. The rug is a Sesquicentennial project, which, when complete, will be donated to the Minden Hills Museum, and will be used on the floor of the Bowron House. The rug will be as close as possible, to rugs woven by early Minden pioneers, in days gone by.

"It's not patterned. It's basically grey with red, green and plaid random design," said Jean. "We're trying to get all the weavers to contribute to its making, and we're keeping a 'diary' of our daily progress—who's working, when, and what problems we're having. The final form of the 'diary,' which will also contain pictures, is being fabricated by Susan Sheehan, and it'll be presented in an attractive binder, along with the rug, on July 25 at the Museum."

The rug is made of strips of blankets. The blankets were all donated by members of the community, in response to an ad in the Voice. The response was overwhelming, and the women ended up with far more material than they needed for the one-piece rug, which when finished will measure 8' by 12'.

Yuki Renel is relatively new to the community, and she joined the Spinners and Weavers Guild in November of 2007. Although she wove a little in Quebec, it's her first time weaving in the Highlands, and the first time working on a 100". "I've never seen one so big, it's all so new to me, but I really enjoy weaving on it and working with the other women," she says.

Solveg Stout has been with the Weavers for two and a half years, where she's mainly worked on the more conventional 36" looms. "The big one has been such a learning experience. It's mind-boggling to think that this is such and



Yuki Renel, and Solveg Stout, at the 100" loom

ancient art, and was such a necessity in the old days. I've learned so much about trouble-shooting, and the mechanics involved. You also learn how to work with other people on a weaving, and it's a great way to get to know one another better."

"After we've finished the rug for the Museum, we're going to make another rug for the church to show our appreciation for our space," says Jean Farrell. "There will still be some blankets in very good condition left over, and we're going to donate them to a charity, as yet to be determined."

That's the Highland's Spinners and Weavers to a 'T'—always looking out for the best interests of the community, and helping out wherever they can. Now all they need is a permanent home.

To find out more about rag rugs, weaving, and the Highland's Spinners and Weavers Guild, call Jean Farrell at (705) 286-4343. ■



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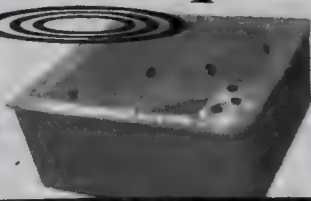
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Fish Hatchery and MNR Wrapping Up Stock Release Operations

It's 7 am on a dreary Thursday morning at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

But the weather doesn't seem to faze a dozen or so fish hatchery volunteers (members of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association - HHOA) sorting through the various holding tanks at the fish hatchery on Gelert Road in Haliburton.

Ministry of Natural Resources Fisheries biologist David Flowers is laughing as he watches the practiced precision of the workers offloading Lake Trout from the hatchery's holding tanks onto two smaller transport tanks located on a trailer and another in the back of an MNR pickup truck.

The volunteers were all here very early, some coming from large distances.

Part of the job.

Well not so much of a job really.

In a job you get paid.

These guys, mostly retired, do this for nothing. They're here because they've grown up fishing in the Highlands.

They're here out of respect for the fishery.

Some are here because it's therapeutic.

Flowers will laughingly tell you that they're here for another, less tumbled reason.

"They work for coffee and sometimes they get a donut," laughs Flowers.

Two workers respond in unison. "Donuts? Where are they?"

Joking aside, Flowers and the volunteers work side by side, in the early morning mist, cognizant of one overarching fact. They are doing important work.

A sustainable fishery is the cog that feeds the big tourist wheel here in the Highlands. The advent of the trout hatchery, which



opened in this new building a little over a decade ago, is adding to the vibrancy of the local fishery. Survival rate for Lake Trout in the wild is about one percent. Hatchery survival rates run from 30 to 40 percent. With environmental and non-native species stressors growing, many municipalities are looking to fish hatcheries to maintain the status quo.



The Ministry of Natural Resources, back in 1998, affirmed its support for the HHOA and its fish hatchery project by providing a \$162,000 Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement grant to construct a new hatchery building.

Then MPP Chris Hodgson declared the new fish hatchery open in April 2000 at the 3rd Annual Fish Hatchery Open House. Since then, the hatchery has raised and released over 200,000 trout.

The hatchery is dedicated to preserving the culture and development of the Haliburton lake trout strain and it also strives

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

to increase public awareness of natural resource management. The HHOA also has a mandate to promote community involvement in sustaining the local fisheries.

This yearly stocking ritual forms the busiest time of year for the MNR staff and the fish hatchery volunteers. However, make no mistake, maintaining a fish hatchery is a little like running a winery. It's what goes on behind the scenes that makes this bee-hive two week rush of fish stocking possible.

The hatchery is a 24-7 proposition. The men who maintain it are on call right through the year. It's onerous work raising fish from delicate Lake Trout roe. These young fingerlings that are being released today have been painstakingly cared for in the hatchery for up to 16 months.

Over the past two weeks, the fruits of these tireless labors are front and center. For the rest of the year, the fish hatchery still seethes with activity. It's just a little less visible.

That said, these two weeks in May and late April are busy days for the men who man the siphoning nets in the holding tanks. Daily excursions to neighboring lakes. Trucks and boats loaded with fresh stock of Lake Trout and Haliburton Gold.

Last Thursday was another big day. A helicopter is waiting at Stanhope Airfield. The long two-week stretch of Trout stocking in the Highlands is rapidly winding to a close.

This is touchy business.

Much care is taken to ensure that the young Trout are transferred delicately, and that stress is kept to a minimum.

Flowers is busy taking oxygen readings from the tanks that will be bringing the fish to the helicopter.

This morning the fingerlings will be making the trip from Gelert Road to Stanhope airfield.

From there they will be offloaded onto a helicopter and delivered to some of the smaller lakes in the Highlands.

Flowers says they're coming to the end of the two week process of lake stocking, adding that none of this huge project would be possible without the nurturing care and support of the huge number of HHOA volunteers that collaborate with MNR to provide the two species of Lake Trout that will be released

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into a full range of local lakes in the Highlands and surrounding environs.

Today they'll be releasing the common or Killala Lake Trout, the Redstone Laker – better known as Haliburton Gold – and some Rainbows into some far-flung lakes that surround the Highlands.

Later on this spring, the Fish Hatchery will be releasing about 10,000 Walleye into the nearby Drag River. Those Walleyes are still in the egg stage, and fish hatchery staff is expecting a release of the Walleye stock sometime in June.

A large number of these fingerlings are trucked or offloaded by boats in local, road accessible lakes.

Today's helicopter flights deliver fish stock to lakes that are only accessible by snowmobile in winter. Most of the lakes being visited by the helicopter are inaccessible by road and are contained on Crown Lands.

The numbers tell the story. Over the past two weeks the HHOA and the MNR conglomerate released approximately 7,000 Killala Lake Trout, 9,000 Redstone (Haliburton Gold retrieved from Redstone Lake) trout and 14,750 Brook Trout.

That's a pretty remarkable grand total of well over 30,000 fish released this spring.

And as Flowers says, stocking is just one part of the job.

The HHOA and MNR are also involved in fish tagging and tracking activities, in addition to the monitoring and restoration of lake habitat in the Highlands.

They also strive to promote community involvement in sustaining local fisheries. Campaigns aimed at keeping non-native species (like Rock Bass) out of local lakes is an important part of the all-encompassing fisheries work.

Flowers says the work of groups like the HHOA is invaluable as MNR and local municipalities attempt to preserve that all-important native fishery.



From stocking this spring, the HHOA fish hatchery volunteers will soon be turning their efforts to egg collection. The eggs are painstakingly cared for at the hatchery and once they hatch, the process starts all over again.

As one volunteer was quick to point out, none of this happens by accident.

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Unrepentant environmentalist puts her art on the line

Terrance Gavan
 Staff Reporter

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Diane White, self-professed tree hugger, landscape painter, citizen of the world, and environmentalist, brooks no compromise.

Again.

None needed.

The title of her show – "Diane White – At Risk" – articulates the promiscuity extant on a playing field – earth – that is no longer level, but tipping precipitously toward the great abyss.

White was at the Rails End Gallery in downtown Haliburton last Saturday (May 2) to open her one woman show – on display until June 20th – and, in the course of a short presentation introducing her work, she stipulated in words what is stamped indelibly, and oh so eloquently, in her art.

"I like challenges, crossing borders ... and I have always been a political artist," says White, whose paintings demand more than a cursory, introspective glance.

Many of the patrons on hand for the opening stood in front of the large canvasses a long, long time before moving on.

The paintings are expansive – like the cause – and the themes, stark and haunting.

Two large works taken from her travels to Dinosaur Provincial Park in the Alberta Badlands are cautionary, broad, stamped with purpose. Extinct VI is a painting as large and visually stunning as the badlands it portrays. Measuring 12 by 4.5 feet it captures the broad stretch of a land dotted with the detritus of an ice age.

Like all of her paintings, Extinct VI is bordered, and within the borders a title stamped, and a warning, red letters on bright yellow. Like caution tape at a crime scene. Written in red, the words: "Wholesale Destruction – Make The Connection – Wholesale Destruction."

In another bottom border, framing the dinosaur bone yard landscape, are human skulls, in vivid bas relief. In the sky over the badlands, dinosaur fossils, shaped like clouds, trail bone white in the blue sky over the barren landscape. White says that in her visit to the badlands she became viscerally connected to the history sprawled out in front of her.

She said she was overtaken by the metaphor of this place where so many extinct species met their demise. "I was aware immediately that the excess of the few equals the destruction of the whole," says White. The exuberance in her Extinct series of paintings is eloquent, energetic and evocative. The human skulls a cautionary fable of man's withering knock on the planet.

"I am a landscape painter, but in good conscience, I cannot, while painting the incredible landscapes I have observed across Canada, ignore the political consequences of our actions and how our lifestyles have contributed to the alarming environmental destruction evident," White explains.

Realpolitik in action. Man's machiavellian pursuit for comfort and wealth at the expense of a planet. And the irony inherent of a reach that exceeds the grasp. Coming full circle to borders – and mankind's pressing need for constraint – which act as metaphor for many things in White's work, but derived initially from simpler roots.

"I like the bordering," smiles White in the course of her presentation. "In B.C. they put a row of trees between the highway and the clear cuts." She smiles slightly, revealing this secret.

We do these things. Mankind's mis-cues and mistakes hidden by small patchworks of green.

But unlike those masking agents put up by British Columbia – to draw attention away from the languishing landscape and appease the tourist dollar – White's borders are gloomy sentinels drawing the viewer inside the borders – back to the clear cut, and back to those brooding badlands.

Her paintings are all constructed to bring us all inside the borders, past the lush green fringes of a cynical bureaucracy, which believes that a few strategically placed pines will quell

demand for redress. White is an artist. She

takes her art seriously.

Artists strive to reach beyond the fawning borders of lush green and back toward the scars. White walks the walk, but she's also unafraid to talk the talk. "This (disregard for the planet) is being prompted by greed, ignorance and inaction," says White, who has supported and sustained her art working as a caregiver.

There are other paintings detailing her many travels to Juan de Fuca Provincial Park in BC, to Baffin Island in the Arctic, and even in her travels close to her Toronto home along the Bruce Trail.

One painting, Mistaken Identity, is from Killamey Provincial Park. The setting idyllic. A pond, surrounded by trees. The bordered warning emphatic: "Mistaken Identity – In memory to all waterfowl that have mistaken Tailings for safe haven." The ponds (containing toxic tailings from nearby Sudbury's mining operations), like the clear cuts beyond the verdant borders on BC highways, stand as oppressive reminders. White's message is clear: this ludicrous hypocrisy must have a forum.

White says she's lucky to have this opportunity to travel and paint. She sketches, photographs and paints every day, always has.

"I think it's sad that people live in cities and don't have a connection to nature," says White. She feels that it's incumbent upon the artist, and especially the landscape painter, to offer some insight into what's going on outside, in nature.

She has paid a price for her uncompromising style. Certain galleries have asked if she could drop the borders and the written messages and just bring the stunning landscapes. She resists. Has for the past 20 years or so.

"I get it all the time, I take hits from galleries and buyers, who ask me if I could just leave the borders out," smiles White. She says she won't. Compromise is not an option.

"From the time I started, I knew that this was the thing for me to do," smiles White.

She sums it up in a biographical exposure, an artist in flux.

"The natural world - Beauty - is often overshadowed by man-made forces that degrade and too often threaten its existence," explains White. "When in the field, sketching, photographing, and exploring, I am acutely aware of terrific pressures felt by eco-systems resulting from activities required to sustain our society's voracious consumption. Road infrastructure, resource exploration, extraction and processing - The Beast."

White's message is simple. The time for subtlety has long since passed.

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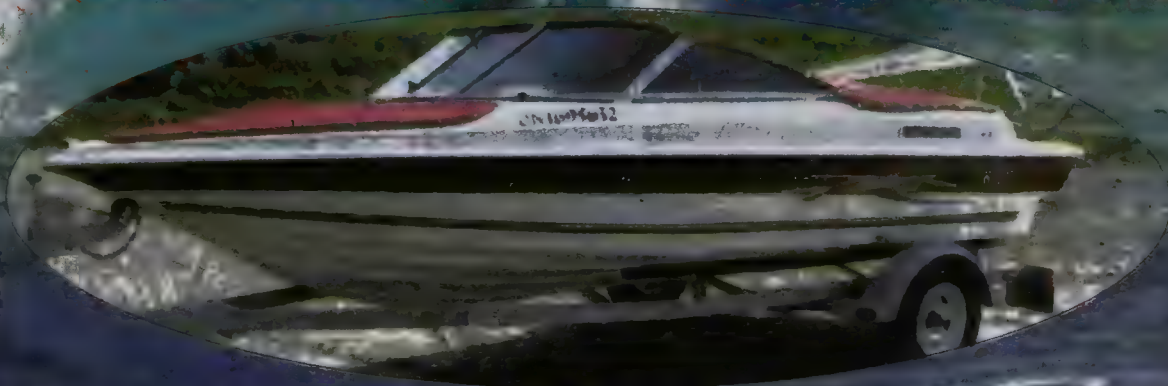
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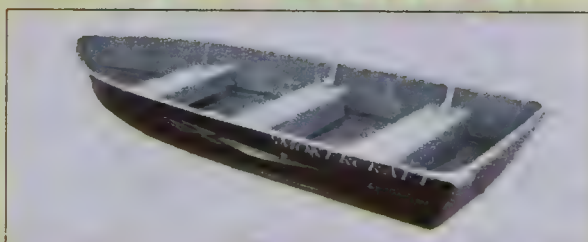
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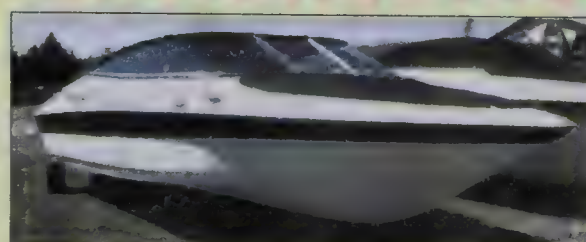
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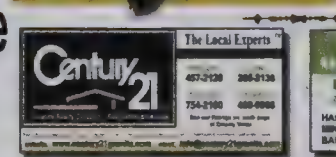
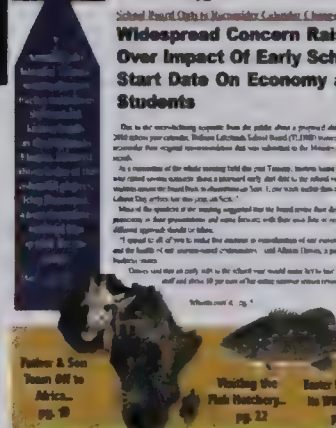
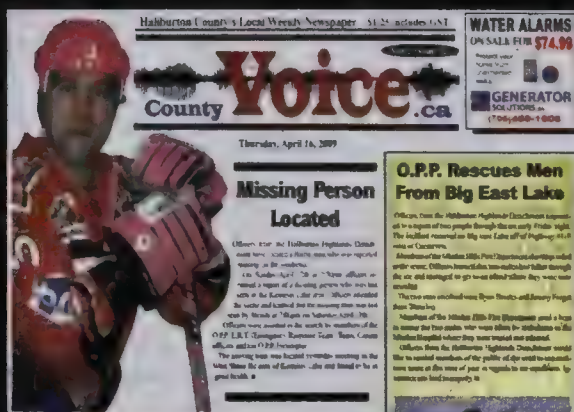
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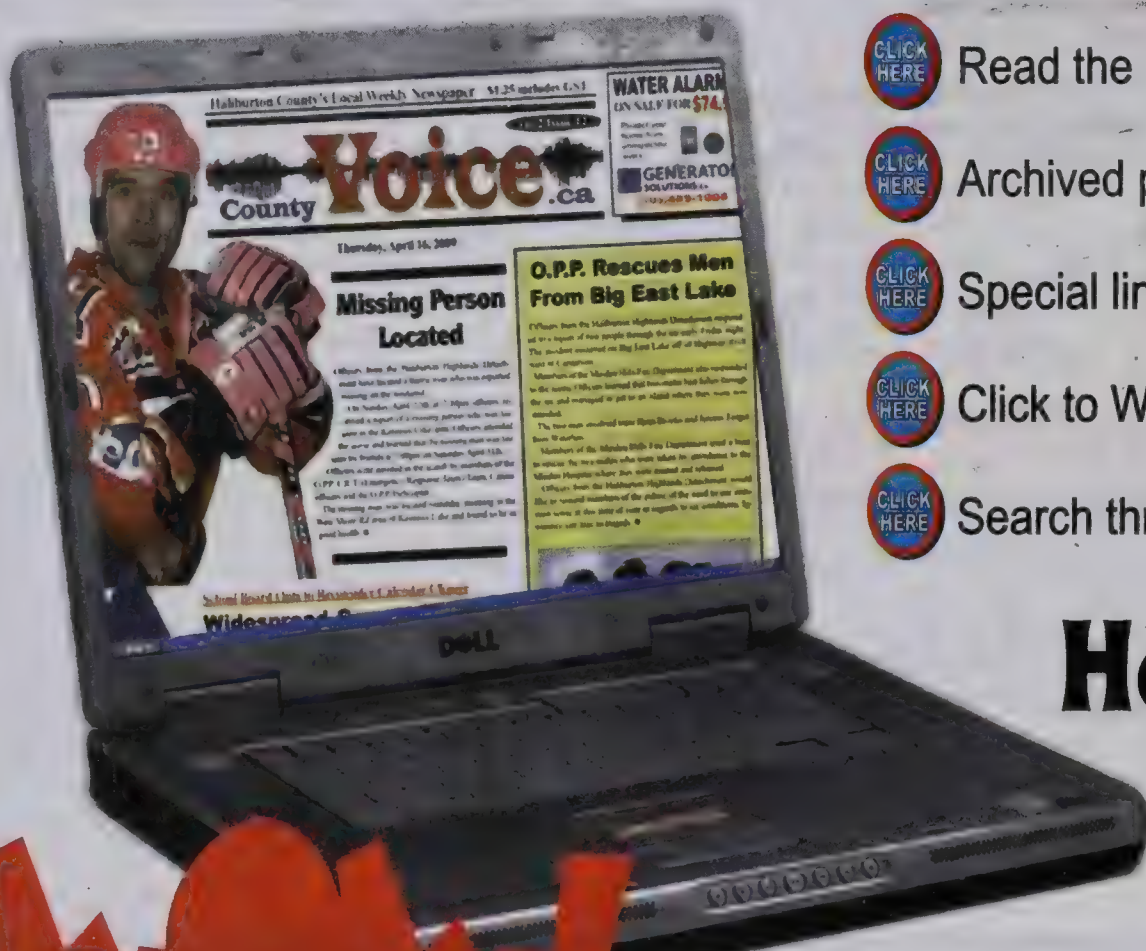
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Haliburton Dance Arts Students Host End of Season Showcase

On Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9th some of Haliburton County's finest dancers – both young and old – took to the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for the 2009 Dance Showcase hosted by Haliburton Dance Arts.

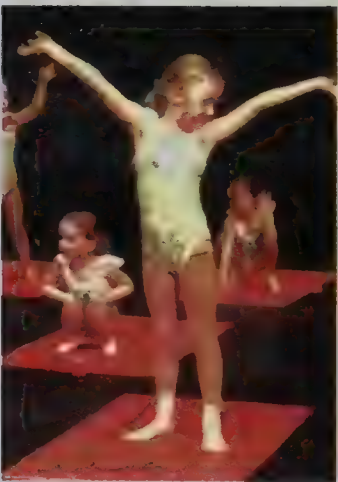
Performers in the group ranged in age from two years to 85 years old. Styles incorporated into their routines included creative movement/pre-dance, jazz, tap, ballet, hip-hop, musical theatre and gymnastics.

This Thursday (May 14th) Haliburton Dance Arts is offering a by donation dance class from 4 – 5:30 p.m. to raise funds for Relay for Life.

Spring and summer programs offered by Haliburton Dance Arts will begin on Tuesday, May 26. For information about these courses and to get registered, call 705 457-1368 or email haliburtondance@sympatico.ca.

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter



Top: Taylor, Abby and Bridget sport tutu's for their adorable performance. Bottom left: Ry- anne and friends pull out the dance mats for this energetic routine. Bottom right: Amy gives her little sister Sophie a helping hand.



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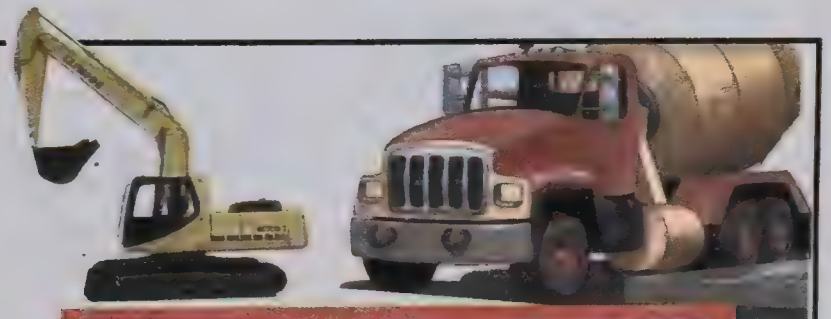
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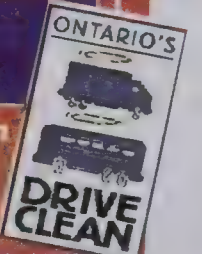


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Algonquin Highlands CAO Set to Retire

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Lorne Mitchell, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Algonquin Highlands has announced his intention to retire later this year. While Mitchell's notice of retirement was not unexpected by the Council, it may be coming at a rather difficult time, as the Municipality is poised to embark on the expansion of their airport, one of the largest projects undertaken in the area for many years.

Mitchell says that he has enjoyed working with the Algonquin Highlands Councils immensely. Eleanor Harrison has been the Reeve throughout his tenure with the Municipality and Mitchell fondly says that working there has been more of a family experience than a working relationship.

He said, "I have found the Council to be understanding, extremely progressive in their thinking and open to tying my vision with theirs for the future of the Township." Mitchell said that he truly believes that the Council has been able to make significant accomplishments in new technology and moving the Township forward.

Mitchell has been working in the municipal world since 1985. Prior to that, he worked in the private sector in the pulp and paper industry for sixteen years. "My foray into municipal government started when I worked as the manager of a municipal airport. Since then I have come through the ranks as a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer in a small north western Ontario community through to achieving the role of CAO in Lakefield when it was a Village on its own (now the amalgamated Municipality of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield).

It is well understood within the municipal world that the role of a CAO can be quite daunting and there is a large turnover (or even burnout factor) for those in the position. Mitchell's career mirrors that to some extent as he has served a number of municipalities over the years.

Mitchell was the CAO for the Township of North Kawartha after restructuring and from there he went on to assume the same role for the City of Thorold. But shortly after he decided he wanted to work further north and landed the job as CAO for Algonquin Highlands in 2005.

Mitchell spoke fondly of his interview with the Algonquin Highlands Council. "When I went for my interview, I arrived early and was sitting out front feeling quite nervous. One of the Council members invited me back into the kitchen and as it turned out most of the interview actually took place over cookies and coffee. I did have my official interview, but they knew what I was all about before I ever entered the Council chambers. It showed me what this group represented and that has carried through for my whole time here. It's been a tremendous experience."

Mitchell said that when he arrived the world was quickly changing and the demands on municipal government were (and contin-



ue to be) significant. "We had to meet those demands if we were to maintain or provide the levels of service while at the same time keeping taxes at a manageable and reasonable level."

Tongue in cheek, Mitchell said, "When I first came here it took me some time to find the executive washroom. We had to look at everything from mechanizing the tax billing process to reviewing inspection reports from our consultants to gain more knowledge of landfill testing; something that helped considerably when seeking certificates of approvals. We've made efficiencies and have saved money in terms of people and equipment time. We have continued to improve and modernize our equipment fleet and I give full marks to our Operations Department for doing that."

Mitchell chuckled and said that he had even managed to modernize the Reeve. "I convinced her that a laptop and a blackberry were essential tools for her position." No doubt there's some truth to that, as Harrison herself, while addressing his retirement, didn't hesitate to admit that she had been a true challenge to Mitchell but he had dragged her, kicking and screaming, into the new century. She thanked Mitchell for his patience both with herself and the rest of Council during his time in Algonquin Highlands.

Mitchell said, "I feel most proud of the fact that I've been able to move the municipality forward into the 21st century. We have computerized programs, a full organizational restructuring and considerable advancement in waste, recycling and operations." Mitchell said, "The staff that I have had the pleasure of working with is second to none. I was the new guy coming in and they jumped on board and have contributed so much to our success. For that I truly thank them."

Having dealt with considerable controversy about the airport expansion, the Voice asked Mitchell if that had been part of his vision for the community or his reason for leaving. He said, "The airport project was certainly not in the forefront of Council's agenda when I came on stream. The burning issue was sep-

tage and waste management, particularly at the Maple Lake landfill and they have been concluded as much as possible at this point. The airport project developed as a priority when Council conducted a review of outstanding issues that had been left hanging and needed to be resolved."

Mitchell's retirement date is set for December 31st of this year but leave entitlements allow him to take his leave of the position at the end of October. That is also the anticipated (albeit somewhat optimistic) completion date for the largest portion of airport expansion project. Mitchell acknowledged that the Municipality is embarking on a huge project and said, "I will not see this Council left with a break in the role of the CAO, particularly if the project has not reached the point of completion that it should have."

Having raised the issue of the airport, Mitchell said, "It's important not to be sidetracked by the not in my backyard attitude that can prevail in small communities. Council needs to make decisions based on what they truly believe is the right thing to do. There will always be interests groups that, for whatever reason, don't agree with Council's decisions but as politicians they shouldn't be swayed by that type of thinking, but rather concentrate on the best interests of the community as a whole."

Mitchell said that at some point, everyone knows when it's time to retire. He said, "I truly believe that we are entering a new era with the Township. New legislation related to accessibility is absolutely huge and there will be a lot of changes on the political front in 2010. These demands require a new and younger thinking person."

Mitchell also addressed the fact that the airport project had often been called "Mitchell's Runway" and "Eleanor's Airport." He said, "There is a close relationship established between a Reeve and CAO, but somehow in the public eye the two become the masters of a community; the Reeve in their political role as the figurehead of the corporation and the CAO in the support they show (and are required to show) the Reeve. That's how, when there is a contentious or divisive issue, it becomes either the Reeve's or CAO's issue and that can wear on a person after a while."

Mitchell said he hoped to spend more quality time with his family; in particular, his new granddaughter. He also said that the winters are getting longer and colder and he would like to do a bit of travelling with his wife and friends. Even more important, Mitchell said he'd like to improve his golf game, which he said is presently "terrible."

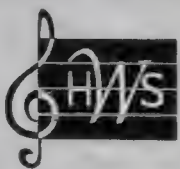
As is often the case, however, he isn't really retiring. Mitchell also works with a company called Angels of Flight Canada out of Peterborough. The company provides worldwide emergent air evacuation or medical transfer services as well as non-emergent ground transfers.

Mitchell is the Manager of International and Specialty Projects. He said they look for opportunities to bid on restructuring EMS services in international and overseas situations and could work on projects that involve everything from paramedic training programs to establishing ambulance bases or communication systems. The beauty of it is that he can pick his hours and work from home when he chooses, leaving him a lot more flexibility.

At some point in the future, Mitchell would also like to get involved in a volunteer committee if something catches his interest. He admitted that it was difficult to give up political life completely, but denied wanting to take that next step towards running for office. Mitchell believes that municipal politics is the real deal on a grass roots level. "It is local people making decisions that can and do impact their ratepayers. They do the best job they can and it has been my job to help them make the best decisions they can."

Harrison, who smiled and admitted to having had one or two personality clashes with Mitchell over the years, given her red hair and temperament, said that they had always managed to work through things. Along with all of the members of Council, Harrison said that she had enjoyed working with him immensely and that "his retirement was very well deserved."

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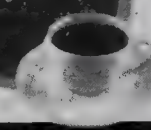
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Change is Coming to the Highlands East Fire Department

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The Highlands East Council was faced with some hard truths this week as consultants working on their Fire Master Plan gave an update on their progress. In a nutshell, Council was advised that they would have to give serious consideration to either closing a number of their firehalls or spending large sums of money to bring them up to an acceptable standard.

Peter Corfield & Associates has been contracted to prepare a Fire Master Plan. Corfield, who has 30 years experience in fire services and his associate Bram Radix, presented the results of their investigations, seeking Council's input and direction prior to finalizing the Fire Master Plan.

Corfield said that he had been touring the municipality and the fire stations since January and had looked at all the equipment and areas of contract coverage in addition to reviewing 'volumes' of information from the Fire Chief.

Corfield said, "Fire services are heavily legislated and influenced by local expectations, both from politicians and residents about how the service should operate and Highlands East is no different." He said, "You're serving 700 square kilometres plus Harcourt and that is a challenge. Throw the rural nature of the area into the mix just adds to the challenge."

"Part of the problem here is that you have a small population base in a large area. Some of the residents dispersed throughout rural roads come from larger urban centres and have unachievable expectations."

Corfield said that the turnover rate for volunteers is increasing across North America and that Highlands East's problem is compounded by the fact that they do not have the population base to draw from. He said, "You may be trying to maintain too many fire fighters. With the high turnover rate a smaller number would be maintainable. As your numbers increase there is a machine that guides the need to maintain them."

Corfield said that during his tour of the fire stations he had found things that he could not overlook. "You have some great challenges with the present buildings to the degree that some of them should be closed down. There is a dramatic need for change that can result in a much better service to the residents and there is a more affordable way to do it."

Councillor Gary Stoughton agreed that there were likely too many firehalls and asked where the halls should be located. Corfield said, "There are three clusters of residential and commercial mix (Cardiff, Wilberforce and Gooderham) and Council should consider working on that basis. A three station configuration could provide an acceptable outcome."

"There are things that you can do to provide alternate methods of fire safety that are allowed under the legislation, some of which were drafted to deal with rural areas," he said, adding that it isn't reasonable to expect the same levels of service in areas that are hard to access.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "We want progress but we have to be respectful of existing traditions. We depend on the vol-

unteers and tradition is what keeps them there."

Stoughton spoke nostalgically about the first firehall that was built in 1959 and a time when the fire fighters bought their own vehicles. "Now we're buying \$700,000 worth of trucks." This led to a discussion about the need to replace fire trucks and what can be done with them once they are considered outdated. Corfield reviewed some of the National Fire Protection Association standards and how the need to replace trucks was often driven by underwriters' requirements.

Corfield acknowledge that if Council decided to reduce the number of stations, residents would see it as a loss. He suggested that the township could have an alternative program in place that would be more effective and acceptable to the residents when they realized the other alternatives would be extremely costly. He detailed costs savings that could be realized by closing some of the halls, some of which totalled as much as one million dollars over 20 years in utilities costs alone.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie said there was no question that things needed to be realigned, but he didn't buy the argument about cost savings. Corfield responded that the repair and upgrades needed on the existing buildings would make the savings pale in comparison.

Corfield was reluctant to make specific recommendations. He said, "I would like to provide a menu so you can choose the best options. You'll have to make the decisions and advise the public."

Corfield said, "My preliminary thoughts are that six stations are too many in many ways. You're carrying a heavy exposure to liability with the present setup and equally challenging is the volunteer complement that exposes you to further liability."

Mackie said one of his concerns was the number of high end homes in the eastern end of the municipality (particularly Paudash and Eels Lakes). He said the possibility of firehall closures had been a big issue in the area and to place residents into an unprotected status when it came to insurance was a big problem.

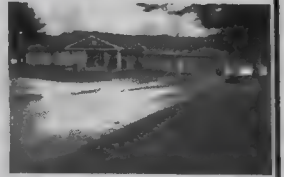
Mackie said, "We want to be very careful about what we do here. We have to do the math and look at the statistics." Mackie said that he dealt with risk all the time and he didn't want to see it increase.

Reeve Dave Burton later said that he believed the Council would have to take a long look at the services in place. He said, "It will take a huge investment to bring the halls up to an acceptable standard and the money will all have to come out of our budget unless we can access infrastructure funding for a new building and take advantage of only having to bear one third of the total cost."

Corfield concluded his comments by saying, "You must simply decide which landing field you want to touch down in." And that decision will be made after Council receives Corfield's final report. □

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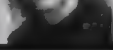
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The junior and senior girls' soccer teams travelled to Fenelon Falls for an afternoon of twin bills. In the first game against St. Thomas Aquinas, the seniors lost a close game, by a score of 3-1. Scoring for Haliburton was Shelby Perrin. In the second game against LCVI, the senior girls were on

the losing end of the score.

The junior girls' soccer team defeated St. Thomas Aquinas by a score of 2-0. In their second game against LCVI, the juniors lost by a score of 2-1. Lindsey Pogue scored all 3 goals for the Hawks. Excellent control of the midfield by Grace Diezel. □

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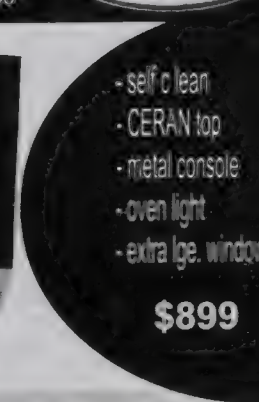
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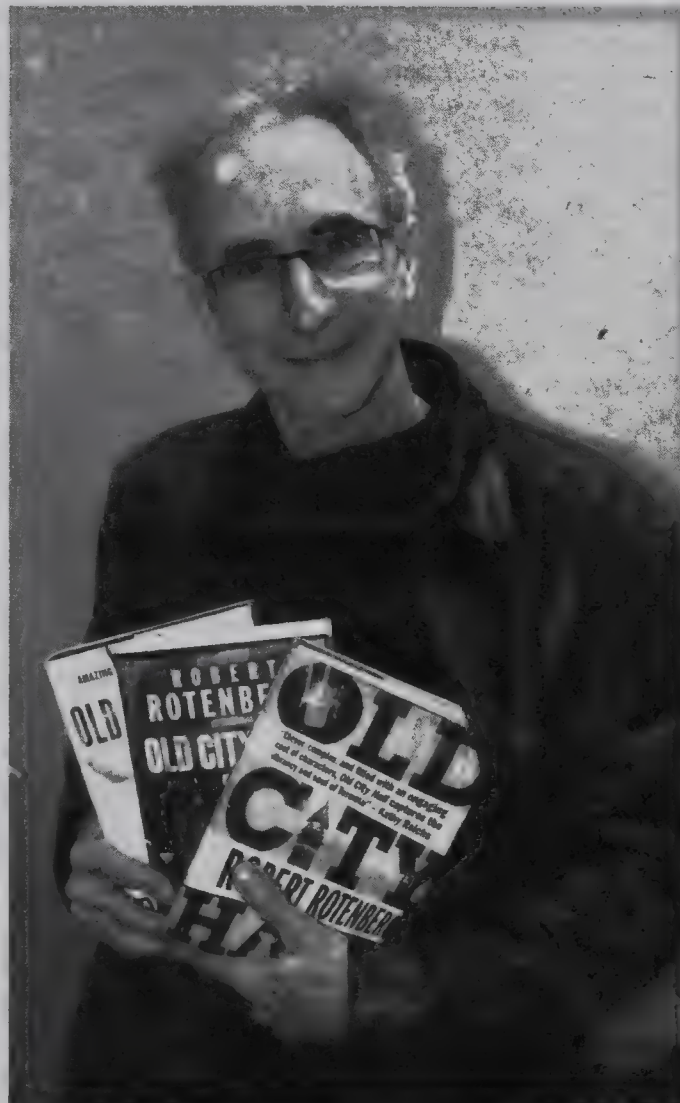


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Robert Rotenberg first came to Haliburton as a kid at Camp White Pine, then later graduated to fully fledged cottager status in the late 1980s with his purchase of a cottage on Drag Lake. Together with his wife Vaune Davis, a Toronto television producer, and their three children, they've forged deep links to their cottage, their lake, and the Haliburton community. No wonder Rotenberg uses the Haliburton environs almost as a character in his recently released whodunit, Old City Hall.

But maybe we should start at the beginning, again. Robert Rotenberg has had a career as varied as a bad character in some noir detective novel from the 1940s: grandson of stone-broke immigrants, middle-class upbringing, university degree, law degree, then pitches it all to drive a cab, flees to Paris to write, is broke, becomes a kind of journalist, comes home and starts a Toronto magazine which is a succes d'estime, but broke again, tries film producing and radio producing, no cigar, married, child on the way, rewrites



nine-day writers' course at Humber, dams break, book finished, dynamic New York agent secured, book auctioned, signed with major publisher, released in hard cover in Canada, the States, and England, along with editions in several foreign languages, and an audio book.

And keeps his law firm alive and flourishing, and gives back to the community as Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Canterbury/Marc Perri Clinic, an on-the-street rehab centre for the addicted and downtrodden.

Old City Hall is a meticulously crafted and plotted detective novel steeped in the lore and byways of the Canadian criminal justice system. The book opens with Canada's favourite radio personality, Kevin Brace, confessing to his newspaper delivery man, the wonderfully drawn Gurdial Singh (former chief engineer for Indian Railways) that he's just

law exams and finally, in the early 1990s, establishes himself as a defense lawyer and quickly becomes honoured and respected for his passionate advocacy of poor and marginalized defendants.

As part of his job, he has daily contact with the nether-world of the criminal courts with their Damon Runyonesque cast of characters, cops, crooks, and cronies. And Rotenberg's life-long technicolour dream of being a writer is still alive and bubbling away. He keeps writing, 5 am stints that produce a film script, and a novel, which gets him an agent, but no publisher. Starts Old City Hall in 2001, three years later book half finished, author fried, and frustrated, takes a dynamite

killed his wife. And for the rest of the book Kevin Brace, the radio man, utters not a word. Which, as a device, is brilliant, forcing all the other characters, notably Detective Ari Greene, to try and piece together what really happened. Along the way Greene encounters Brace's first wife, now running a restaurant in Haliburton, and sundry other characters of Toronto's seedy underworld, and less seedy but no more appealing overworld of the justice system. Like many other successful detective series, Rotenberg's Toronto is not just background, but centre stage to almost all the action. The relief is provided by Haliburton and the north.

Rotenberg takes his readers on a wild and merry ride that will delight a wide audience of book lovers and mystery aficionados. In fact, it's already climbed impressively in Maclean's best sellers list. Rotenberg has already completed his second novel in the series and started his third. One of the great appeals of mystery novels is a familiar and recurring cast of characters: Old City Hall provides that in spades, and Rotenberg is now poised to develop those characters for many more books to come.

This Saturday the author will be signing copies of Old City Hall at Undercover Books on Highland Street in Haliburton between 10 am and 2 pm. ■

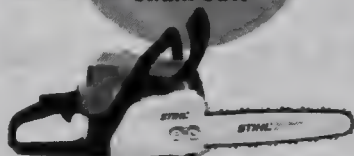
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South Beaver Lake Residents Still Seeking Boating Restrictions

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Residents living on South Beaver Lake reminded the Minden Hills Council last week that they are still interested in establishing boating restrictions on their lake. Representing the majority of residents, David Rayside appeared before Council to provide an update on the situation and to clarify several things.

Rayside said he had hoped that Wayne Atkins from Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety would have been in attendance to clarify the Ministry's position and answer any questions Council might have. Rayside said, "He is a key player and is prepared to attend a Council meeting at the end of May."

South Beaver Lake isn't linked to any other body of water, is not part of any navigation system and has no public access. At a meeting in the fall, Rayside told Council that the isolation and size of the lake makes police patrols impractical, preventing routine checks on safe boating operations and creating the potential for carelessness by existing boaters.

Until 2007 cottagers on the lake only owned canoes, kayaks and pedal boats or boats with small electric motors. A report submitted by Rayside in the fall showed that only nine properties have gas powered motors and only one boat exceeded the speed limit being proposed. In 2007 a jet ski and a faster moving boat was introduced and cottagers started to voice concerns that they were being operated carelessly.

Efforts to resolve ever increasing conflict were unsuccessful and the idea of forming a charter for the lake to set boating restrictions was born. A survey showed that the majority of the property owners supported boating restrictions. (Requests for restrictions on a lake have to be sent to Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety. In order to proceed with formal restrictions on the lake, among a list of requirements, Council's support is necessary.)

Rayside said, "We've sharpened our proposal a bit. Last fall we were looking at two restrictions but now we're focusing primarily on one which is considered the biggest safety issue, and that's speed." He said, "When the survey was conducted we were considering a speed limit of 10 kph and restricting the size of motors to 10 horsepower. Now we're accepting that we could go to 15 kph."

Rayside said that he anticipated that there will be differences of opinion around the lake and there will still be people who will balk at the restriction, but he added that there will be many residents who will be very happy with a 15 kph speed limit.

According to Rayside, if Council supports the restrictions moving forward, another consultation process would take place with all of the property owners. He also acknowledged Council's concern about the need to establish a lake association and their own concern over the cost to do that.

He said, "We have prepared a letter committing our group to covering any associated costs including signage."

Rayside said there was also an issue of enforcement. He

said he had spoken with the OPP who had agreed to enforce the law on a routine basis, but they wanted the cooperation of people on the lake. According to Rayside, the police maintain that everyone bears some responsibility for the restrictions.

He said, "We don't want to harass the local detachment and the Office of Boating Safety is unaware of any refusal by the OPP to enforce speed limits."

Rayside said that the Office of Boating Safety had also confirmed that the group did not need 100 percent agreement from property owners. He said, "Part of the reason that we are seeking restrictions is that we can't reach 100 percent agreement." Rayside anticipates further difficulties this year, which he said increases the need to take action prior to the boating season.

"This will affect the people who live there and particularly the people who like to swim

across the lake."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff advised Rayside that their Clerk had written to the OPP to confirm their position on enforcement. Ratcliff also said that he would like to discuss conflict resolution with Wayne Atkins (Office of Boating Safety) when he comes to the meeting at the end of May. Ratcliff also suggested that in his opinion the Township should only deal with a legal entity (like a lake association), something which should be addressed.

Rayside commented that Council had not had to consider many requests like this and that each case was different. He said, "What makes this

different is that there is conflict. The idea of a cottage association is much harder to put forward when there is real conflict." Rayside also said that there were people on the lake who will not even talk with the rest of the residents and that the fact that 15 or 20 people were willing to sign letters accepting responsibility for any costs should be considered a good enough guarantee. □

"You'd have to be there," said Rayside. "We were actually threatened during a confrontation over seadoos. Conflict resolution or in fact any mediation process would be unpredictable and would not produce the goal expected. It will not compute and will likely resolve nothing."

Council acknowledged that conflict surrounding seadoos was a common occurrence across the country. Ratcliff however insisted that conflict resolution was expected by Transport Canada.

A decision whether or not to support the request by the residents is expected to be made at the Council meeting on May 28th. Stay tuned. ■

**"We didn't want to assume the worst."
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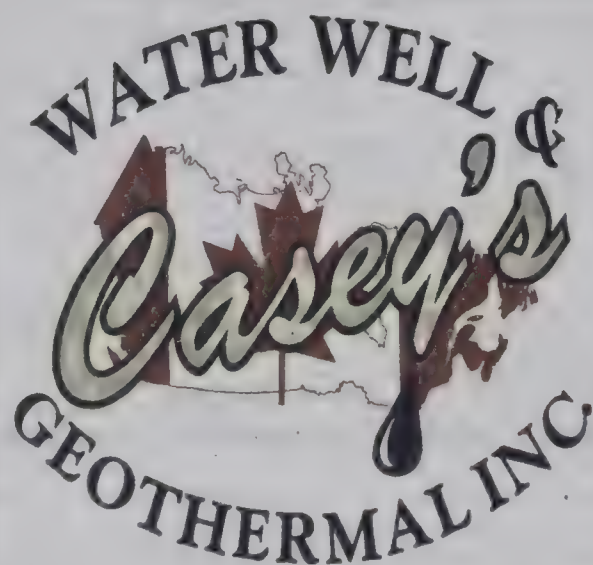
Minden firefighters, along with other community members, rolled up their sleeves on Monday and donated blood at Minden Hills first ever blood donor clinic. Spearheaded by firefighter John Hayes, the local fire and rescue department signed up for the Canadian Blood Services "Partners for Life Program" and made a commitment to donate a minimum number of blood units.

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From Crisis to Innovation

Author/Theologian Jennifer Morgan tracks down the Future

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Jennifer Morgan is a theologian, a scientist, and an award-winning author of three children's books that describe in vivid and imaginative detail the evolution of the universe. This trilogy has been described by Jane Goodall as "a fantastic journey through time", and has been endorsed by many leading educators and scientists, including Nobel Prize winning Physicist Leon Lederman. In the trilogy's first book, *Born with a Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story*, Morgan assumes the role of the universe herself, telling her 13-billion year old story to an Earthling. The second book, *From Lava to Life: The Universe Tells Our Earth Story*



adaptation, crisis and disaster to modern corporate and community affairs. Or rather, she wants her audiences to understand how difficult, but also how creative massive societal and environmental change can be. She points out how deeply messy real change is – how species adapt to change, how the tough survive, and the weak succumb, and how cataclysmic change, such as meteors striking the earth and destroying the dinosaurs, can even be seen as an essential part of our evolution.

Morgan points out that, "The Earth is in the midst of the most massive extinction of species since the dinosaurs perished 65 million years ago. Do crisis serve a function?" Morgan believes

that these environmental and business crises allow businesses and communities to have the chance to re-define themselves, even to re-invent themselves. "I'm simply amazed by the number of community groups in Haliburton that are devoted to preserving and enhancing the stunningly beautiful environmental you enjoy in this county. I'm also very impressed with the number of businesses and arts groups that are increasingly focusing their efforts on the green economy. This is community innovation at its best."

Morgan also warns that change can obviously be painful and difficult: "Like any birth, or rebirth, it can be a very messy and unpredictable business. Corporations, small businesses, local councils, will all have to learn to adapt. The current world-wide economic crisis can also be seen as an opportunity for innovation, for re-defining how business works, and for realizing how essential it is that we form partnerships for survival."

Jennifer Morgan's diverse accomplishments and disciplines are a key to her ability to communicate on so many levels to so many types of audiences – and in itself is a metaphor for how we can adapt to this confusing and sometimes frightening world. What began as so-called simple children's stories have evolved into an essential message for our times – to banish complacency and position yourself to survive the next great sea-change – whatever that may be. ■

describes the story of Earth from the beginning of life up to the extinction of the dinosaurs. The third volume, *Mammals who Morph: The Universe Tells Our Evolution Story*, covers the story of mammals from 65 million years ago to today, including the human story.

The genesis of the trilogy was formed when Morgan was inventing bed-time stories for her son when he was just six years old. She quickly realized that the vast canon of children's literature contained little about our universe and evolution that would appeal to six to 10 year old youngsters. Morgan's own background as a theologian, cosmologist, and an avid science student seems to have allowed her to approach these complex subjects with a combination of reverence, awe, and hard cold scientific fact. Although unlikely to appeal to any creationist audience, Morgan's work does evoke a sense of faith, if not pre-ordained destiny.

Morgan is also a registered provider of professional development courses in her home state of New Jersey, where she trains teachers in how to teach science to Grade Two to Five students through storytelling, discussion, and movement. But Morgan also holds an MBA from Rutgers University and uses her intensive business training in the seminars and workshops she presents to corporations, communities and school boards about how to deal with our rapidly changing world.

To that end last month Morgan visited Haliburton to present a fascinating workshop entitled "From Crisis to Innovation" hosted by the Gaia Centre at Minden's R.D. Lawrence Place last month. The turnout was small, but the audience made up for numbers with enthusiastic and imaginative participation. In essence, Morgan tries to apply the age-old lessons our universe provides regarding change,

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Students Get to 'Party in the Right Spirit'

Getting the Facts Across About Alcohol, Drugs and Healthy Decision-Making

When Brook and Vanessa first started flirting with drugs and alcohol at an early age, they liked the way the substances made them feel. They used the drugs to try and mask the problems they were going through in their own lives and they thought that being high or under the influence was the only way that they could "fit in".

After a while their substance abuse had developed such a tight grip on them that it shattered their relationships, got them into run-ins with the law and damaged them both physically and emotionally. It wasn't until they came to the end of their rope that they realized they'd need to make some drastic changes if they wanted to salvage their lives.

Brook and Vanessa (last names withheld) told their stories to Grade 12 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) on Wednesday, May 6 during the second annual Party in the Right Spirit event.

The two speakers (both in their 20's) are with YouthSpeak, a program of addiction services for York Region.

Both Brook and Vanessa had similar stories to share about their addiction problems and how they both got wrapped up in living dangerously. But along with their stories, both explained how their own decisions helped them find the road to recovery.

Brook grew up as an only child who never got to know his real father. In public school he said that he felt alone, especially when comparing himself to other kids in the way that he perceived them.

"I felt like everyone else had something that I didn't have," he explained. "When I babysat at friends houses they seemed to have big families and a lot of support. In school it seemed like everyone else had instructions on life. To me they seemed confident and they knew where they were going."

In school Brook found that he couldn't handle criticism well. He felt as if everyone was out to get him and that he was inadequate in comparison to others.

"Soon I got sick of feeling different," he recalled. "I started to do everything I could to be accepted. I wanted to be the guy whose family had money to put him in hockey. The guy who had a lot of friends."

Brooke's life soon revolved around mimicking the habits of others students and trying to appear as they did. He became selfish and stopped listening to his family members.

In Grade 7 he began to smoke cigarettes and shortly after that he was on to marijuana.

"Smoking cigarettes and weed made me feel cool," said Brooke. "It made me feel like a rebel, some sort of tough guy."

Once he made his way to high school things really took a turn for the worse.

"I began to hang around with some pretty seedy characters. We smoked weed day-in and day-out, and I just wanted to party a lot," he said.

In Grade 10 he was introduced to harder drugs, drugs like ecstasy, magic mushrooms and crystal meth. It was during that time, Brook says, that the door to Pandora's Box was opened.

After an obsessive relationship that he had with a girl for two years came to an end in the twelfth grade, Brook went further into a downward spiral.

"I had lost sight of all my priorities while I was in the relationship," he explained. "Once she was out of my life I was depressed so I decided it was time to use more drugs and start drinking."

In Grade 12 he decided to quit school. He applied to work at the same factory as his step-dad, but as it turned out he couldn't be hired until he was 18. So while he waited, Brooke got into all kinds of trouble. Three days after he started his new job he was arrested and charged with firearms-related charges.

Brooke went on to talk about how he always put himself in situations where alcohol or drugs were present. The people he hung around with also made it virtually impossible for him to say no to drugs or alcohol.

At one point Brook says that he was 40-lbs underweight. He was spending a majority of his time in "run-down bars and crack-house basements."

"I was surrounded by sick and dying people," he said. "Living the way I was living I was no better than them."

One evening, while preparing to do some cocaine in his bedroom, Brooke received a call that would help him to change his life around.

"It was a friend with whom I had used with and hadn't seen in a while. He sounded happy and he told me that he was in a treatment centre."

Brooke's friend told him about the program and the two continued to stay in touch. They soon came together, face to face, and it was then that Brook knew change was possible.

"The thing that rattled me the most was his appearance," explained Brooke. "He had a healthy glow to him and he spoke with confidence. I knew that if he could do it I could do it."

Brook then started to do what he needed to do in order to get into rehab. Once he got accepted, he knew that he was in for a tough,

long journey.

"I had to wake up at 6:30 every morning and do chores," he said. "The rest of my day consisted of going to church, work, classes and group sessions."

Since going through with recovery, Brook has made new friends, gotten a job and he's going to school to become an addictions counselor.

Vanessa also told a gripping story about her turbulent life with drug abuse, the permanent damage it caused her body, and the bad choices her addictions led her to make.

Today she's changed her life around and is also looking to become an addictions counselor.

About Party in the Right Spirit

YouthSpeak was just one of the many events that went on throughout the day during Party in the Right Spirit. At Party in the Right Spirit, graduating high school students had the opportunity to learn about making wise choices when it comes to alcohol and drugs. Other topics covered at the event included tips on how to plan a safe party, knowing the health risks associated with alcohol impairment and poisoning and the potential pitfalls of poor sexual-decision making.

Some of the attractions at the event included workshops with OPP officers and other emergency personnel, and a trade show in the gymnasium. New to this year's event was the Impaired Driving Simulator provided by the OPP. While inside it, students donned goggles that impaired their vision just as the effects of alcohol would. They then had to try and navigate a car in a videogame.

The Haliburton Highlands Community Action Group On Alcohol and Drugs, and the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) hosted party in the Right Spirit. The Ministry of Transportation also provided assistance with the event.

Party in the Right Spirit will take place again next year, and there's a chance that the younger grades may get to be involved with the event.

Below are some of the comments students made about the event:

"Party in the Right Spirit opened my eyes to consequences."

"The Opening Assembly gets the point across of having fun but being safe."

"The For the Record video was really funny, eye opening and seemed true."

"For the Record was the most realistic party video I've ever seen at school."

"The ER nurse was very effective."

"The impaired driving simulator was interesting and was great to see what drinking and driving is like."

"The Trade Show had a lot of important organizations showing their support."

"I learned a lot at the trade show."

"Youth Speak gave me ideas of ways to connect with friends who are users."

"Youth Speak was eye opening! Basically life altering!"

"The Youth Speak assembly was informative and very good info to help a person I know. Powerful speakers."

"Youth Speak. Hearing their stories made me feel not alone. I don't do drugs but I get depressed and feel unaccepted."

"It's important to be responsible and to know where to stop."

"The workshops opened my eyes to the truth about drinking."

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Team Of Crazy Canucks Plant Smiles On Young Honduran Faces

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

The smile of a child, serendipity, and sometimes ... a chance meeting.

A simple convergence of events seldom demands an animated or all-encompassing explanation. None would suffice.

Some things are just meant to be; a butterfly effect, trembled on a cosmic canvas.

And the smile of a small child?

Well, we could all use a bit more of that; in a world sometimes short on tolerance, temperance and compassion.

When Little Glamour Lake cottager Anne Fowler sauntered into Lisa Stoughton's Dental Hygiene Clinic on Highland Street in Haliburton, she came without fanfare, introduction or expect-

tations.

"I walked into Lisa's office and said, 'Oh hi, I'm Anne Fowler and I want your input,'" says Fowler, sitting with Lisa in her clinic office last week. "I told her that I needed help, and input, to start up a project, never in a million years thinking that she'd become involved herself. But Lisa said, 'Oh I think maybe I could help.' And that's how it started."

The project?

A dental mission to an impoverished section of Honduras in Central America.

Fowler, as part of an ongoing outreach program that she has been conducting for years from her home in El Porvenir, Honduras, and her cottage on Little Glamour Lake here in the Highlands, was organizing a brigade of hygienists to visit some grades 4, 5, and 6 children in her village of 5,900, located on the northern coast of Honduras.

There wasn't a wink of hesitation. Stoughton accepted the proffered gauntlet on the spot, committing to a weeklong mission to bring some of that temperance, compassion and tolerance to a village well removed from the Highlands, and light years away from even the barest aspect of North American dental care.

"Lisa, god bless her, was my first hygienist," smiles Fowler.

Little did Fowler know. She caught Lisa Stoughton at the crossroads.

"It's something that I had been thinking about," says Stoughton, who added that this dental mission seemed like a perfect opportunity to provide help and support to children who were in dire need of care. Lisa Stoughton had been looking for an outlet, a humanitarian



cause, for some time. This opportunity, and chance meeting with Anne Fowler, coincidentally, was right in her wheelhouse.

And even though she had just opened her clinic on Highland Street, she was intrigued enough to commit to the project without hesitation or reservation. Lisa Stoughton, says simply, that she felt compelled to help.

Serendipity meets karma.

Anne Fowler left the office with a promise, an offer of support, and a commingled vision.

Since that first meeting, the two have become good friends.

No surprise here. They share a common love of the smiling child.

Fowler, a retired airline stewardess, travel agent, nurse, human resource professional, and lifelong philanthropist has been working as a volunteer in Honduras since 1993. She retired in 2001 to continue her outreach work after years of volunteering for two to three week medical outreach missions. For a long time she

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Lisa Stoughton's Serendipitous Meeting Sparks Medical Trek

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worked winters in Honduras, living in a room above a clinic in another small town.

In 2006 she moved to the small north coast village of El Porvenir, where she constructed Hamilton Benest House, which provides accommodation for visiting dentists, doctors, teachers and other volunteers. Volunteers like Stoughton and her intrepid band of "Crazy Canuck" dental caregivers.

Fowler continues to develop new community initiatives and strives to make the lives of a disenfranchised and marginalized Honduran people just a little more tolerable. She divides her year between Honduras and her Haliburton cottage on Little Glamour Lake, but she is never far away in spirit from her adoptive home in El Porvenir.

"I started going on short term medical missions with Medical Missions International in 2003," says Fowler "I decided the first year that, 'hey,' this is what I'm going to do with my life when I retire." Her outreach programs are all encompassing, and include medical and dental initiatives, HIV education, work with visiting doctors, and a Healthy Living Program. This latest dental initiative was in response to the rampant tooth decay problem that is strident and ongoing in Honduras.

Stoughton and a hastily convened team made up of six support personnel recently returned from a hastily convened week-long dental mission in Honduras. They were there from March 23-30. Fowler dubbed them: "Team Crazy Canuck."

The group consisted of Stoughton, her sister-in-law Dawn Stoughton (the organizer), dentist Bill Kerr (a Highlands resident with a practice in Toronto), denturist Bernt Fiebiger (who will be working one day a week out of Lisa's Clinic in Haliburton shortly), and two dental hygiene students from George Brown College, Nikki Munoz and Marie Fuenzalida. Kerr who works one day a week in the Highlands with a local dental office - and not coincidentally is Fowler's dentist - worked closely with Fiebiger at a 60s-era dental office close to the village, tending to the very worst cases.

No easy shuffle through the park, this work. "The teeth are a disaster," says Stoughton. Like none she had ever seen here during her tenure tending to the dental hygiene of kids and adults here in the Highlands. They persevered relying on the good nature of those kids to get them through the long days.

The work was tedious, hard and unrelenting. Eight to nine hour days. Some of these children had never used a toothbrush. None had ever seen floss.

Part of their mission was to provide each of the 251 children they saw over the course of four-and-a-half days with toothbrushes and some basic dental education.

Fowler's follow-up work now includes the distribution of fluoride rinse to help with the tooth decay problem.

Certainly, says Stoughton, the lack of adequate dental care was evident in every child they saw.

The journey was an eye-opener for Stoughton and the other five members of the team. For Fowler, it's just another part of a long and ongoing journey to bring aid to the struggling Honduran communities located on the hardscrabble northern fringe of the impoverished Central American enclave.

"We should mention here," says Lisa, "that they're all addicted to Coca-Cola. There's a little snack bar outside in the playground, open at seven in the morning, selling hard candy, cotton candy, Coke and Pepsi."

Stoughton says the steady diet of sweets just compounds the problem of rampant tooth decay, evident even in very young children in El Porvenir.

Kids are in dire need of a comprehensive dental program, and Fowler says that this provides a laudable and worthy start.

"I want to get more dental teams coming down," says Fowler, who now plans an expansion to bring three teams down to El Porvenir next spring. She has a commitment from George Brown to share more of their graduating hygienists, on a volunteer basis, again next year.

Lisa added that the team of three hygienists could only commit to about 15 to 20 minutes with each child, but added that they also offered material, equipment and information on proper dental care that would be left behind.

"The kids have no access to dental care whatsoever, all they do is pull teeth," says Fowler. She added that as part of the initiative, Kerr and Fiebiger spent a good deal of their time with root canal work. Their mission: to save teeth where possible and avoid extraction, except as a last resort. Kerr and Fiebiger never scrimped with the care and were hampered only by the



antiquated facilities.

The facts are startling says Fowler. El Porvenir has no real dental facility and does extractions only. Adult teeth are a disaster and Fowler says that by starting with the kids, there is a chance that they may be able to stem the unbridled tide of tooth decay. The program, like a lot of third-world initiatives, starts with baby steps.

"It's what we can do today," smiles Fowler. She plans, as part of this overarching program, to provide a long-term commitment to the kids in El Porvenir, three years of good dental care to each child in the program.

Lisa Stoughton says she would like to give a huge shout to all of the residents and businesses in the Highlands who helped both she and Dawn with travel and logistical expenses. Local Haliburton dentist Dr. David Butera donated four high-speed drills to the dental office in El Porvenir after hearing of the mission.

And the kids?

"Those kids were walking around with the biggest smiles you have ever seen," laughs Fowler. "They (Team Canuck) were there in March, and when I left last week (in early May) they were still smiling, and they all said to give Lisa a big hug from all of them."

Lisa says that the kids all dropped by with cards, and letters and thank-yous, adorned with hugs and kisses, just before Team Canuck returned to Canada.

Lisa says she remembers the proud smiles on the happy faces.

An important and powerful thing.

This simple smile and a happy child. □

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The crazy Canucks pictured with just some of their Honduran clients.

Pictured far left - opposite page - Back Row: Nikki Munoz, Lisa Stoughton, and Dr. Bernt Fiebiger
Front Row: Dawn Stoughton, Dr. Bill Kerr, Marie Fuenzalida, and Anne Fowler

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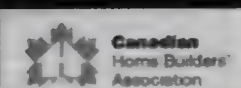
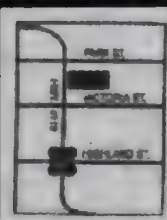


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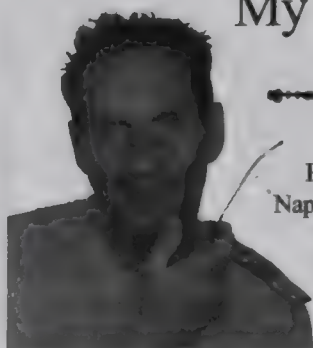
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Balsillie, and the Other Guy with the Napoleonic Complex

My Chat with BlackBerry Jim and the Argument for Winnipeg Not Waterloo



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Here's what we know about the Napoleon Complex.

The conventional wisdom is that Napoleon overcompensated for his short height by seeking power, war and conquest.

However, we now know that Napoleon was actually of average height for his era. The perception that Napoleon was short may be related to his often being seen with his Imperial Guard, who were all of above average height.

I don't know how tall Gary Bettman is.

But I'm pretty sure that he suffers from a great big bout of short man syndrome.

Maybe Bettman would be a better, more polite and placid person if he was surrounded, say, by a supporting cast of Munchkins from the Wizard of Oz.

Pack the NHL executive offices with a load of little people. The man is way too grumpy for his own good.

I'm just spitballin' here you understand.

I'm actually referring to Bettman's bump and bang relationship with his bete-noir Jim BlackBerry Balsillie.

Gentlemen, can we not just get along?

Apparently not.

The term Napoleon complex has also been used in scientific research on the phenomenon of smaller organisms acting aggressively towards larger organisms.

In this case, just for giggles, the smaller organism is Bettman.

The larger organism?

Research In Motion (RIM), Balsillie's overextended talking, twittering, YouTubeing, beeping, blurring, and texting juggernaut.

The argument hinges on whether Balsillie can convince a majority of the league owners to support his bid to move the Phoenix Coyotes to southern Ontario.

Consider this.

Napoleon met Wellington at Waterloo.

Guess who won?

Waterloo has been named as a possible site for Balsillie's relocated Coyotes.

Bringing speculation for a compromise team with an intriguing moniker.

The Kitchener Coyotes?

Never mind all that.

The Coyotes are broke. They belong in Canada.

But not in Southern Ontario.

They belong, of course, in Winnipeg.

That's where they came from. Remember?

Winnipeg Woofies anyone?

But that's not likely going to happen.

This battle between Balsillie and Bettman is getting ugly.

We've been here before.

Twice in fact, the Research in Motion head honcho has sought to undermine Bettman by foisting offers on struggling NHL franchises.

This latest rustling of the Coyotes, with attendant offers to Wayne Gretzky a partial shareholder and coach of the Coyotes is just the last in a long line of Mexican standoffs between the two brash power brokers.

"This is not about whether or not we want a franchise in southern Ontario," Bettman said in New York recently. "This is about league rules."

Well, it is and it isn't.

The two men, Balsillie and Bettman plain and simple don't get along.

Jim Balsillie and Phoenix majority owner Jerry Moyes are attempting to circumvent the NHL and its rules in trying to uproot the Coyotes, says NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly, wading into the fray.

Daly is miffed that Balsillie has not talked either to him or Bettman about his desire to buy the Coyotes and move them to southern Ontario.

That's the common wisdom anyway.

The more real way to look at this is through the Hatfield-McCoy template.

Feuds start, for whatever reason, and they usually end bloody.

Daly quoted in the Canadian Press recently sounded like a hill-billy from some Tennessee Holler.

"He makes his own decisions and he's making a decision that this is the way he wants to get into the National Hockey League. We don't usually like to pick fights, but we end them," said Daly.

Add to this the crazy notion of a possible NHL expansion to Las Vegas and this all seems just a bit too ludicrous for words.

Bettman is committed to make hockey work in some strange markets.

Nashville, Phoenix and Florida, with a shout out to the Nevada desert?

I think we have to bring some sanity back to hockey.

There are three strong markets in Canada right now.

Winnipeg, southern Ontario, and a possible nod to the Maritimes.

No brainer.

Those three communities would hands-down outdraw Phoenix, Florida, Las Vegas and even Long Island - John Tavares in Islander uniform notwithstanding.

Make no mistake.

Bettman has staked a claim - and his reputation, as a vibrant exec - in this battle with Jim Balsillie.

Ask anyone on any Canadian street corner and I think you'll find most Canadian hockey fans are firmly on side with Balsillie.

Bettman could still lose this one if a majority of the NHL owners side with Balsillie. Not out of the realm of possibility, considering the deal he's offered the Phoenix ownership.

And if that happens.

I think you'll find that Bettman would fall on the hard spike of his own manufactured Waterloo.

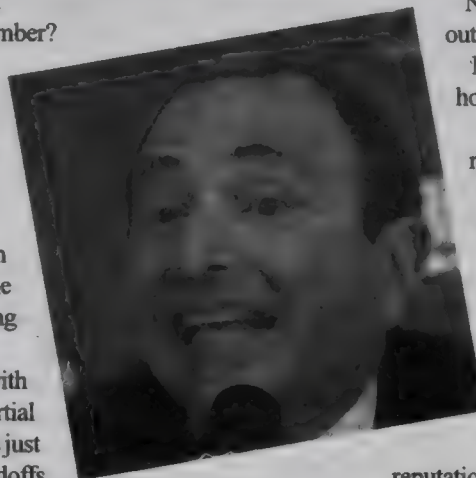
And that just might, coincidentally, be the right thing for the National Hockey League.

Meanwhile, as a transplanted Winnipegger who shed real tears when the Jets left town.

I have only one thing to add.

"GO, Jets GO!"

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Reel Paddling Festival Enjoys a Nice Venue at Rails End

Paddlers Watch Films Midst a Superb Backdrop

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Turns out, Rails End is a nice intimate venue for a film festival.

Especially when the films mesh mellifluously midst the backdrop of the latest art exhibit.

Like, for instance, last Thursday and Friday evening, when the Reel Paddling Film Fest met At Risk.

At Risk is Diane White's visually stunning and large landscape display hanging in Rails End until June 20th.

The 3rd Annual Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour brings the world's best paddling films to paddlers in Canada, United States and around the world.

The festival is a Rapid Media project and was hosted this year by Haliburton's AO Boatwerks, the Rails End and the Heritage House Café.

The series of films was an exciting mélange of canoe, kayak and outdoor adventure and many of the films worked quite nicely with big, bold, and beautiful works that feature landscapes of areas at an ecological crossroads.

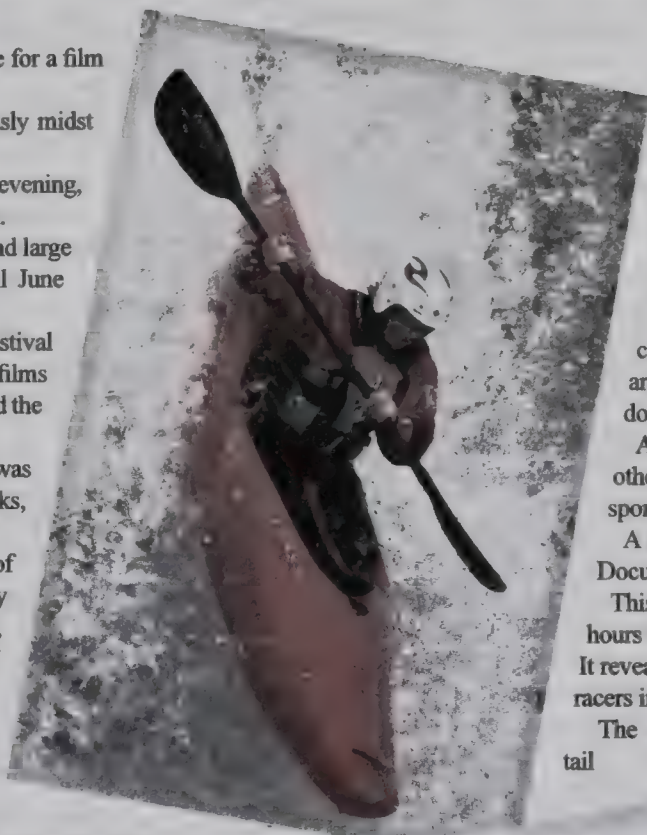
The message blended succinctly with most of the films on display at this year's Reel Paddling film nights.

Kayaking and canoeing are, after all, ecologically sound pursuits, and some of the films documented wild white water and delineated threats to some of the world's most precious natural wonders.

One film, highlighted in the festival, Night of the Living Donkey presents a tongue-in-cheek scenario about a toxic waste spill and polluted waterways, transforming kayakers into free range zombies.

All of the films played well overlooking Diane White's paintings. One of her landscapes features an homage to waterfowl who mistake toxic tailing ponds with clear open water. Place that against paddlers on the living screen, and it all begins to make sense.

One of the night's most inspired films, The Last Descent, followed three friends on a journey to California, Nepal and Africa, paddling some of the world's best and most daunting rivers.



The film looks at the very real stress put on indigenous culture, wildlife and habitat from the construction of large dams and reservoirs.

The AO Boatwerks team of paddlers also added a bit of the local touch to the festival, premiering a short film shot on some local waterways including the world renowned Minden Whitewater Preserve.

The festival inspires more people to explore rivers, lakes and oceans, push physical and emotional extremes, embrace the lifestyle and appreciate the heritage of the places we paddle.

The Reel Paddling Film Festival is also a film contest awarding winning films in nine categories. The winners and other short-listed films are then toured to more than 75 cities around the world – and Haliburton – screening for an audience of more than 16,000 outdoor adventure enthusiasts and their friends and families.

And while the theme was dedicated especially toward the environment, there were some other very people friendly films, outlining the great familial and collegial nature of the sport.

A film titled the "Ausable Marathon Canoe Race" won the Reel Paddling award for best Documentary Paddling film.

This film explores the intensity and passion that drives the men and women who endure 15 hours of non-stop paddling in one of the most grueling paddle-sport races in North America. It reveals both the allure and agony of the physical and mental challenges that face elite canoe racers in their quest to surpass their dreams.

The evening also showed
tail of



that a little bit of symbiosis, like the dove-Boatwerks, Rails End and the Heritage Café, works well, when presented with thoughtful insight.

Here's hoping for a bit more in the way of alternative entertainment emanating from the Rails End.

It's a nice little venue, and when blended with the proper art exhibit, this is an experiment that works just fine.

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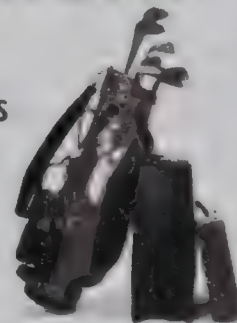
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The Battalion's run is done

But Hodgson is moving on to Winnipeg and the Moose

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

For Haliburton resident Matthew Duchene the season is over. For Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson, the season is bumping toward destinations further afield. Hodgson, as it turns out, still has some work to do.

Hodgson is on his way to Winnipeg and the Manitoba Moose, who are deep in an AHL playoff run. The Moose are Vancouver Canucks AHL affiliate and Hodgson received the call up shortly after the Battalion was eliminated from a possible trip to Rimouski and the Memorial Cup.

The Highlanders, Hodgson and Duchene, were troopers to the end, finishing one-two in club playoff scoring, but their Battalion season dwindled to a cruel and crushing denouement in the OHL championship tilt against the pre-eminent Windsor Spitfires last Friday night.

The host Windsor Spitfires claimed a 2-1 overtime victory to take the OHL final series four games to one. Hodgson, who battled illness over the final two games, set a club single-season playoff scoring record with 11 goals and 20 assists for 31 points in 21 games. (The Spits took a 4-1 decision in Brampton last Wednesday night in Brampton to take a 3-1 stranglehold on the series.)

Duchene was second to Hodgson in club scoring – and the first in goals and game winners – with 14 goals and 12 assists in his 21 games.

Duchene will be concentrating on high school studies now that his season is over. He will also be preparing for the scouting combine and the NHL 2009 entry draft slated for Montreal's Centre Bell on June 26th.

There is added speculation that the lottery will boil down to a crunch of three players: Swede Victor Hedman, the London Knights' John Tavares and Duchene.

Headly times for Duchene who watched his summer training partner Hodgson go tenth in the first round in last year's NHL draft.

Hodgson was sent to the Manitoba Moose, the Vancouver Canucks AHL affiliate, because there is hope that he will add some savvy, punch and pop to the mix. The Moose will be opening a Western Conference final series at home against either the Houston Aeros or Milwaukee Admirals.

Hodgson was Vancouver's first pick, 10th overall, in the NHL Entry Draft last June. He signed a three-year, entry-level contract Oct. 4 and played three exhibition games, recording one assist, before being assigned to the Battalion on Oct. 6.

"The Canucks think it's best for me to play for the Moose right now," Hodgson said Saturday, via battalion.com. "They (Moose) are in the middle of a deep playoff run, and it should be a good experience."

Hodgson was expected to head to Winnipeg this week, and he says that his busy Battalion playoff run has kept him out of the loop vis-à-vis the AHL play downs.

"I've watched a few games, and it will be a little faster," said Hodgson. "I'm looking forward to getting out there."

Hodgson led the Battalion in scoring with 43 goals and 49 assists for 92 points in 53 games and he also won the Red Tilson Trophy, awarded to the OHL's Most Outstanding Player.

This Manitoba Moose odyssey will extend a very pit-stopped season, which began last August and early September with an extended stint at the Canucks training camp.

Hodgson just missed making the Canuck roster, and the speculation is running high, after his lovely and inspired play as team leader of the Canadian Junior Nationals that won world gold in Ottawa last January, that he has a very good shot at sticking with the Canucks this year.

The Canucks signed him to the rookie standard contract in the fall of 2008 and this trip to Winnipeg will extend his season and perhaps give him a chance to prove that he is capable of holding his own with the pros.

Last Wednesday (May 6), the Moose skated to a 3-2 win over the Grand Rapids Griffins, securing the first ever four game series sweep in franchise history. With the win, the Moose officially claimed the North Division title.

The Moose play in the new MTS Center. The fans are killer. They love their Moose.

So Hodgson is quickly realigning his sightlines.

From a target that included a possible run at the Memorial Cup, Hodgson will now have a chance to play for the Calder Cup.

But there is some smog on the horizon.

Former NHL'er Scott Arniel coaches the Moose.

As it turns out, Tim Campbell, Winnipeg Free Press sports writer, is having trouble unplugging any comments from Arniel about Hodgson or his possible status.

"Today at their first practice since ousting the Grand Rapids Griffins in the second round and throughout the past weekend, the AHL team has steadfastly refused to have even a conversation about 19-year-old Vancouver first-round pick Cody Hodgson, who is expected to join them Tuesday," writes Campbell.

"At today's practice (last Monday) at the MTS Centre, Arniel made it known he would entertain no questions about Hodgson," Campbell added. "GM Craig Heisinger said after practice he had nothing to say about Hodgson."

Campbell may just be stirring the pot or they may be some very real friction extant in the Moose front office.

Vancouver calls the shots, and Arniel, who's Moose are enjoying a great run, may be a little leery of tampering with chemistry. But like most minor league affiliates, the coach is beholden to the big club; in this case the Canucks.

"If one didn't know better and considering that they won't even offer a polite answer or explanation about Hodgson's impending presence, one might conclude that the Moose are opposed to a junior player joining them at this late date in the post-season," writes Campbell.

Campbell adds that "the opening for Hodgson to go into the lineup may exist."

Arniel said Monday that left-winger Pierre-Cedric Labrie, who missed Game 4 of the second-round series against Grand Rapids because of an upper-body injury, wouldn't be available for the upcoming series.

It's an unwieldy situation to be sure.

But it's a situation that Hodgson may churn to advantage.

Hard to imagine that the Moose couldn't be any less than ecstatic with a solid two-way player like Hodgson.

And hard to imagine that Hodgson, if Arniel gives him a chance, couldn't help this team as they move forward in their quest for a Calder Cup.

You can follow Hodgson's journey at moosehockey.com. ■

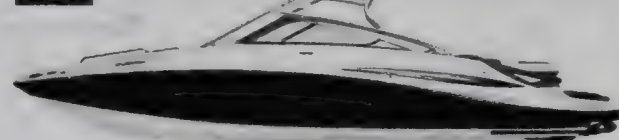
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Haliburton County Horsemen's Association Holds Season's First Gymkhana



The Haliburton County Horsemen's Association held its first gymkhana of the season at the Minden Fairgrounds this past Sunday. Given the rather frosty weather, (several comments were heard suggesting it had felt warmer at the dog sled derby in February) organizers were pleased with the turnout for their first competition. The club's next three gymkhanas will be held the second Sunday of June, July and August. The June and August events will be held at the Minden fairgrounds, while July's event will be held in Bobcaygeon.

Participants competed within one of three levels, junior, youth or senior. Events included barrel races, "T" races, flag races, stirrup races, poles, hour glass, key hole, dash for cash and a relay event. Although riders compete for points in the majority of events, the atmosphere is one of camaraderie and fun. Competitors of all ages and skill levels support and cheer one another as each tries his or her best to maneuver through the various obstacles and courses to receive the winning time. In an effort to keep in line with other horse association standards and to ensure the safety of both riders and horses, the Haliburton County Horsemen's Association has updated its show rules concerning safety, attire and participant behavior for the 2009 season.

You do not have to be a horse owner or a permanent resident to be a member of the Haliburton County Horsemen's Association. Anyone with an interest in horses is welcome to join in the fun and participate in competitive and/or social events. To find more information visit the association web site at <http://www.hcha.ca> or mail P.O. Box 786, Minden, Ontario, Canada K0M 2K0. ■



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Participants from all over Ontario enjoyed the first of many events planned for this summer. If you missed it - be sure to catch the next one on the second Sunday of June (14th) in Minden at the fairgrounds-



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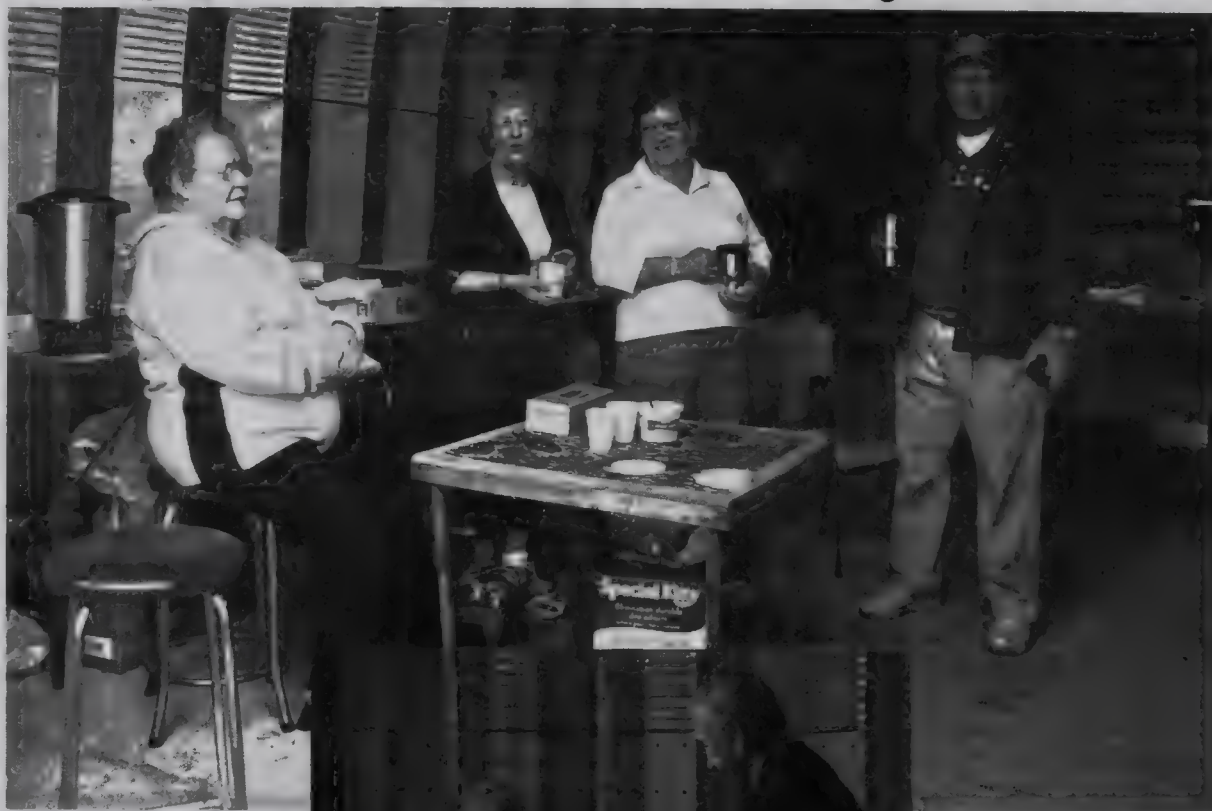
BUILDING DEPARTMENT RE-LOCATION

The building department for the Municipality of Highlands East will be re-locating to the Gooderham Municipal /Post Office located at 1032 Gooderham Street. This move will take effect on June 1, 2009. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The new phone number is 705-447-0051.

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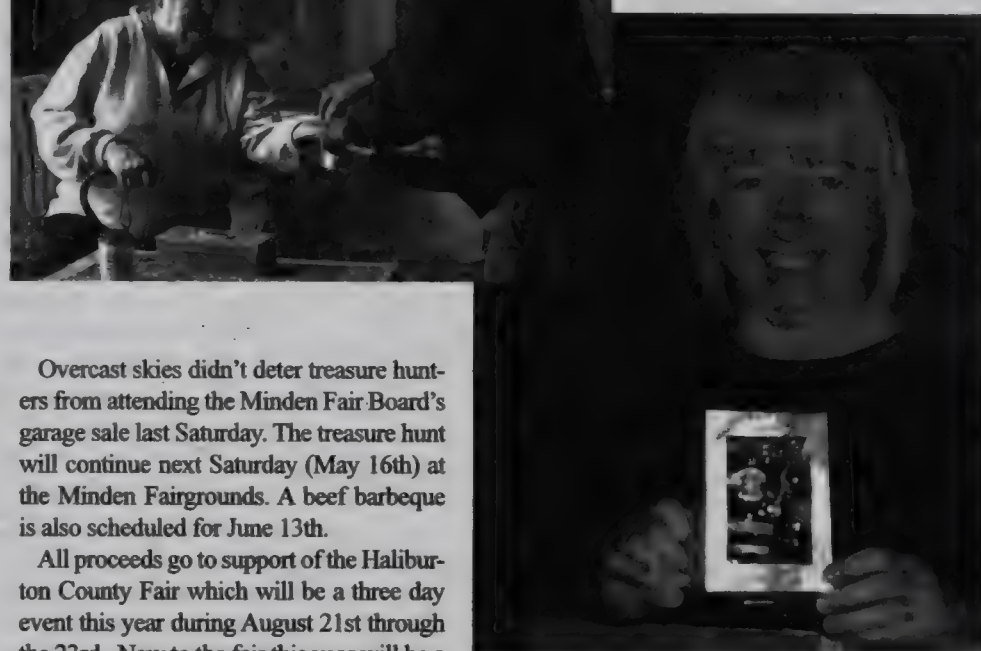
Looking for Treasures – and Supporting the County Fair



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Above - Fair Board members
Dorothy Walker, Maxine
Snell, Shirley Howe, Wayne
Jones

Bottom right: Debbie Mans-
field finds a treasure



Overcast skies didn't deter treasure hunters from attending the Minden Fair Board's garage sale last Saturday. The treasure hunt will continue next Saturday (May 16th) at the Minden Fairgrounds. A beef barbeque is also scheduled for June 13th.

All proceeds go to support of the Haliburton County Fair which will be a three day event this year during August 21st through the 23rd. New to the fair this year will be a celebrity pig race. There are 28 pigs in need of sponsors for the big event. Any individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring their very own swine-steed or wanting more info can contact organizers at 705-854-0335 or info@haliburtoncountyfair.com. There was no word of off track betting at time of publication. And no, you won't get the flu from the participants. ■



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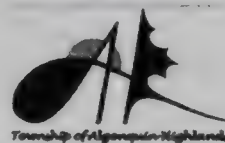
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Highlands East Council Revisits Road Naming

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

They say that : "it ain't over 'til the fat lady sings" and right now no one, thin or fat, is singing on the Saunders Road (a.k.a. the South Wilberforce Road) in Highlands East. This week another delegation representing the old guard who live in the area, approached Council with concerns about broken promises, lost heritage and their disappointment with the possibility that a name that means a lot to them will never grace the road again.

Richard Young spoke on behalf of a small group of residents in attendance. He referred to the delegation that approached Council in April and the Council's decision to simply leave the Saunders Road name in place. Young said, "No one on the north side of the bridge was approached about this decision. The original poll involved all the homes and two thirds of us were in favour of having the name revert back to South Wilberforce Road.

South Wilberforce Road was the first Wilberforce settlement area. With the advent of the railroad, the community was relocated to its existing site, but many residents, some still living on the road and some at the meeting, haven't forgotten earlier days.

A failing bridge caused the road to be split in two for a few years resulting in part of it being renamed Saunders Road and the remainder simply called Wilberforce Road. This was done in conjunction with the County's 911 protocol that precluded directions being from being part of road names. The Municipal Council of the day, under the leadership of Reeve Keith Tallman, agreed to the changes based on the understanding that when the bridge was replaced the original road names would be reinstated.

Young said, "You should honour (Tallman's) wishes. He spoke at length about the history of the community, adding that there were many residents who want that same history preserved. He said, "Once the name is changed we will lose the history as well."

Young said that he understood the issue was to be taken to County Council and asked if that had taken place. Reeve Dave Burton said the 911 system precluded the name from changing back. He suggested that the group get a delegation together to speak with County Council, but advised that as the 911 system required 80 percent agreement among the residents, they might not be successful.

Referring to the delegation last month, Young asked, "Why would a few people who have new business on the road have a say about what happens over the people who have lived here for years?"

Councillor Gary Stoughton, a staunch supporter of having the name reinstated until last month, reminded Council of their agreement that if there was no cooperation from the County to reinstate the name, the Municipality would simply change the name themselves. He said, "We're all members of the County, but we're also taxpayers and I don't see how they can dictate

to us. We should take 25 people and go to County Council and get this thing resolved."

Councillor Jim Mackie read from material that had been presented to Council when the original agreements were made that the roads name would revert back as soon as the bridge was replaced. He said, "Personally I don't care about the County. Two polls were taken by our Council that showed that at least 70 percent of the residents wanted things back the way they were."

Mackie said, "This is a heritage road named by the first settlers of Wilberforce. There are books written on the history of the area that reference the road time and time again." One member of the delegation stood and said that none of the existing maps of the area referred to Saunders Road, nor was it found when he 'googled' it. He said that every reference he could find to the road still referred to as the South Wilberforce Road.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig reminded Council that it was not simply a matter of changing the road's name, but that all of the 911 signs would have to be changed as well (something that is a County responsibility.) Mackie said that Council should simply order the signs themselves and deal with it.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge referred to the promise made by the previous Council. She acknowledged that she was vacillating on the issue, but agreed that the promise should be honoured.

Gary Stoughton, also reversing his agreement to let the existing name stand at the previous meeting, said, "I want it changed back to South Wilberforce Road. We should make a resolution to that effect today."

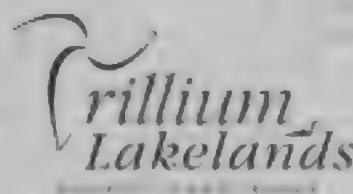
Partridge, however, said that the issue had not been on the agenda and a resolution should not be passed without the public being made aware that the matter was back on the table once again.

Council agreed to place the issue on their agenda for May 26th and Young agreed to reappear as a delegation. □

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PUBLIC INPUT

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is doing a program and accommodation review of Cardiff Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School due to declining enrolment.

There is a Committee called the "PARC" (which stands for Program and Accommodation Review Committee). Members of the PARC would like to invite you to give your input.

There is one remaining public input meeting during the 2008-2009 school year.
Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6 p.m.
Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce

In the interest of time, letters to the PARC will not be read aloud at future public input meetings but will be available to the public in a binder. All input received will be read by PARC members as part of the consultation process.

Individuals or groups wishing to speak at a public input meeting need to fill out an Input Form and send it to one of the schools or to the school board. The form is found on the TLDSB website www.tlidsb.on.ca or at Cardiff or Wilberforce Elementary Schools.

1. Presentation by an individual

Individuals may present to the PARC at one of the public input meetings listed above and are given up to 5 minutes to speak. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

2. Presentation by a group

One person representing a group or organization may speak for up to 10 minutes at one of the public input meetings listed above. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

3. Written Submissions

Individuals and organizations are welcome to submit input to the PARC in writing at any time. Input forms are available on the Board website and at each of the schools.

4. Question Period

There will be an opportunity at the end of each public input meeting for questions. Members of the public will be invited to ask questions of the PARC.

For more information please contact

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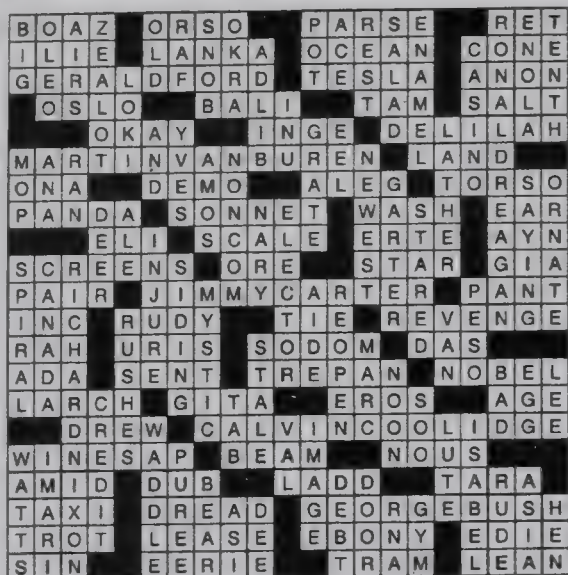
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DEAR ABBY: My mother is a wonderful person but is one of the world's worst cooks. She'll see a recipe that looks tasty, but if she doesn't have all the ingredients, she will make substitutions. If the recipe calls for uncooked shrimp, she might replace it with canned tuna. If she doesn't have bleu cheese on hand, she will use imitation cheese spread instead.

I have tried to offer her a few important guidelines. First and foremost, be sure to have all the necessary ingredients on hand before beginning to prepare a new recipe. Understand the basic techniques -- dice, shred, simmer, stir-fry. Use the recommended cooking temperatures. If the recipe says "saute," do not fry it until it's like shoe leather. Follow the proper cooking time. Fish should not be baked for 90 minutes!

Mom may not appreciate the suggestion of cooking classes, and I know about your cookbooks. I wonder if they are simple enough for Mom to follow. What do you think? -- DYSPEPSIA IN DENVER

DEAR DYSPEPSIA: My recipes are -- for the most part -- very simple, easy to read and, frankly, delicious. They were collected by two of the most voracious eaters in recent history -- my mother and me.

Allow me to share a simple salad recipe with you. Perhaps you and your mother will enjoy making it together. It is chilled and ideal for a warm summer evening.

ABBY'S TOMATO SALAD

12 medium tomatoes, diced (about 8 cups)
2 large red onions, diced (about 3 cups)
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon finely chopped sweet pickles
1 cup rice vinegar
10 to 12 lettuce leaves

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My cookbooklet set not only contains recipes, but also tips on entertaining. Have your mother try the tomato salad recipe. If she can't make this one work, then from now on she might be better off buying takeout. ■

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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

For week of May 25/09

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of family extends beyond your personal life to include others to whom you generously extend your care and affection.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unexpected development could change the Arian's perspective on a potential investment. Keep an open mind. Ignore the double talk and act only on the facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business decision might need to be put off until a colleague's personal matter is resolved. Use this time to work on another business matter that you've been anxious to get to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surge of support helps you keep your long-standing commitment to colleagues who rely on you for guidance. Ignore any attempts to get you to ease up on your efforts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships (personal or professional) might appear to be stalled because of details that keep cropping up and that need tending to. Be patient. A path begins to clear soon.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family continues to be the dominant factor, but career matters also take on new importance. You might even be able to combine elements of the two in some surprising, productive way.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A promotion could cause resentment among envious colleagues. But others recognize how hard you worked to earn it, and will be there to support you if you need them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A realistic view of a workplace or personal situation helps you deal with it more constructively once you know where the truth lies. Reserve the weekend for someone special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Handling a delicate personal matter needs both your wisdom and your warmth. Expect some setbacks, but stay with it. The outcome will more than justify your efforts.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you Leos or Leonas might be intrigued by the "sunny" prospects touted for a potential investment, be careful that you don't allow the glare to blind you to its essential details.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resist the temptation to cut corners just because time is short. Best to move ahead step by step so you don't overlook anything that might later create time-wasting complications.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend's problem brings out the Virgo's nurturing nature in full force. However, don't go it alone. Allow others to pitch in and help share the responsibilities you've assumed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use the good will you recently earned with that well-received project to pitch your ideas for a new project. Expect some tough competition, though, from an unlikely source.

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- ACROSS**

1 Ruth's husband

5 Approximately

9 Analyze a sentence

14 Postal abbr.

17 Tennis pro Nastase

18 Sri —

20 Humpback's home

21 Geometric figure

22 President who was a male model

24 Electrical inventor

25 Shortly

26 European capital

27 Part of Indonesia

29 Flat hat

30 It's good in a pinch

31 Adequate

34 "Picnic" playwright

37 '68 Tom Jones hit

39 President whose first language wasn't English

45 Alight

46 Out — limb

47 Debut recording

48 Shake — (hurry)

50 Trunk
- 53 Black and white delight

56 Petrarch product

59 Cleanse

61 Musical sensitivity

62 Inventor Whitney

64 Climb

65 Art deco designer

66 Writer Rand

67 Bug barriers

71 Vein

72 TV's "Search"

73 Actress Scala

74 Couple

75 First president born in a hospital

79 Gasp

80 Business abbr.

81 Crooner Vallee

82 Adjust an ascot

83 Settle a score

85 Super Bowl sound

86 "Mila 18" author

87 Biblical city

89 Aachen article

90 Drillers' org.

91 Conveyed
- 92 Machine tool

94 Annual award

98 Coniferous tree

100 "Bhagavad —"

102 Aphrodite's son

104 Mellow

105 Comic Carey

107 President born on July 4th

112 Apple variety

115 Smile

116 "Entre —"

117 In the thick of

118 Insert dialogue

120 "Shane" star

123 Binchy's "Road"

126 Prepare to fly

127 Sheer fear

130 President who was a fighter pilot

134 Jogger's gait

135 Rent

136 Tropical tree

137 Singer Brickell

138 Offense

139 A la King?

140 Soho streetcar

141 "— on Me" ('72 hit)
- DOWN**

1 Giant

2 Bread spread

3 Pretension

4 Fanatic

5 Word with hat or hand

6 Brit. fliers

7 Social climber

8 Creole veggie

9 Ample abdomen

10 "Stroker —" ('83 film)

11 Take five

12 Tuna concoction

13 Pottery protection

14 President who worked as a life-guard

15 "— Gay"

16 Fractional amount

19 Improvise

21 Vegas place

23 Valhalla

28 Shiba — (Japanese dog)

32 Link letters?

33 Monsieur Montand

35 Prepare the Parmesan

36 Sushi candidate

38 Foam

39 Lave the linoleum

40 Santa —, CA

41 Hightailed it

42 Grandpa McCoy

43 Sarge, e.g.

44 Most recent

49 Elastic band

51 Adage

52 Elaborate

54 Forest beauty

55 Kensington quaff

57 Not any

58 College member

60 Rubber-necked

63 Harm

67 Pasta shape

68 London's location

69 President portrayed in an opera

70 It's on the house

76 Occult

77 — de-camp

78 Start again

79 Uruguayan currency

81 Running plays

84 Delivery truck

87 Trite

88 Artist Chagall

93 High time?

95 Spoiled

96 Quiche ingredient

97 Poe's "Annabel —"

99 Recognition

101 Zipper part

103 Jack of "Barney Miller"

106 Act like a duck

108 Kilmer or Bisoglio

109 Persona

110 Serenade accompaniment

111 Actress Sanford

112 The Rolling Stones' Charlie

113 Japanese porcelain

114 Blender setting

119 Grumpy guy

121 Obligation

122 "Stage —" ('37 film)

124 Impolite

125 Kuwait's continent

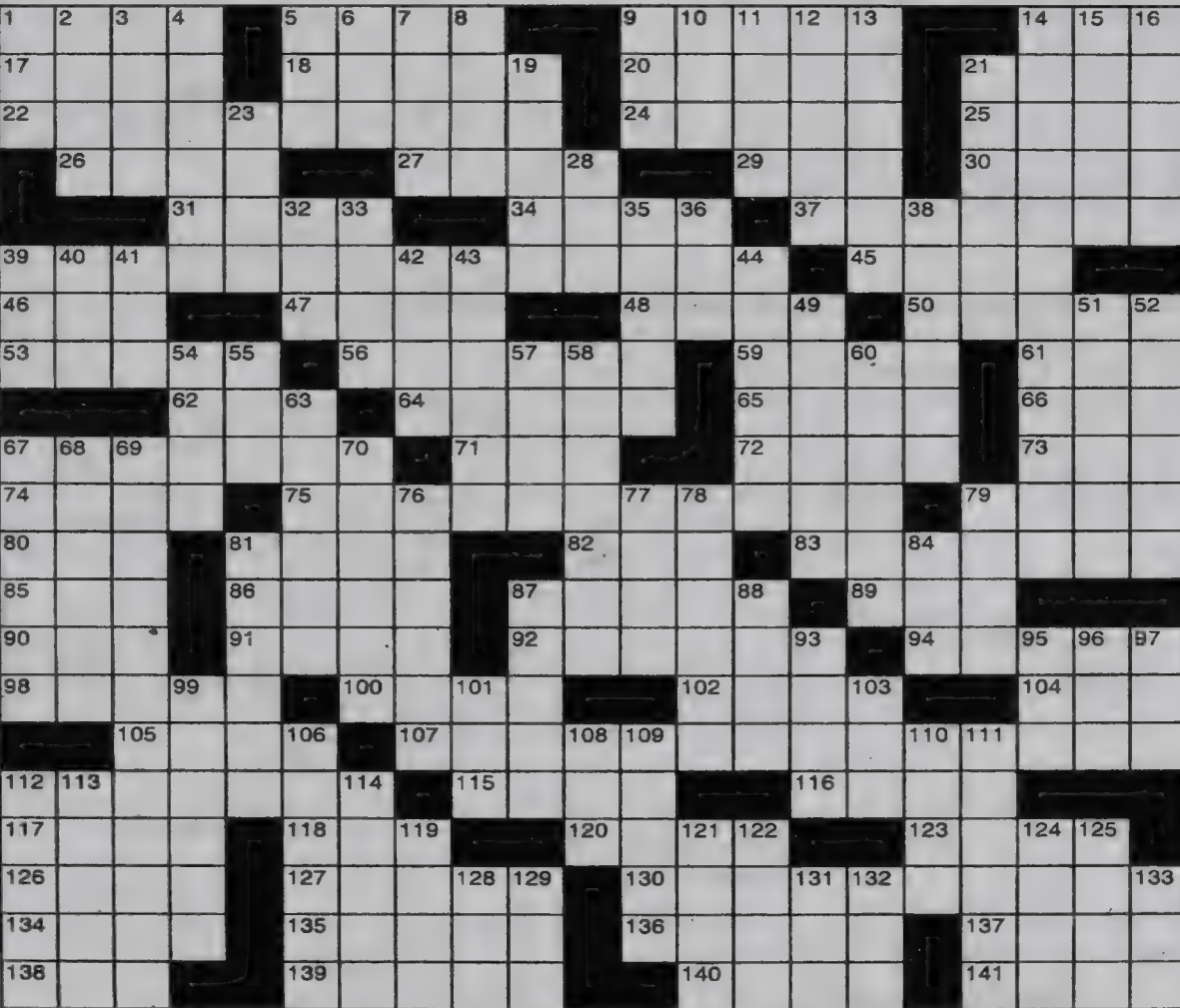
128 "— live and breathe!"

129 Singer Joey

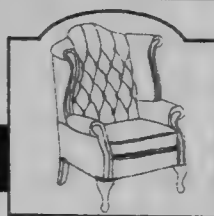
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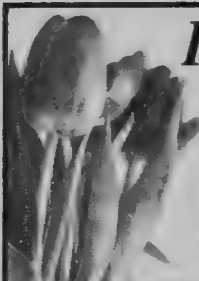
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Michael C. W. Gunning

March 13th, 1974 - March 22nd, 2009

Thank you Haliburton - Words can also heal.
Our family received many letters, emails and cards
reminding us that Mike was thoughtful, funny, diligent,
competitive, compassionate and intelligent.
There are numerous people to thank and please
forgive us if we miss you.

Bryce, your love and support kept me going.

Barry (Monk's Funeral Home) without your calm and professional demeanor,
I am not sure I would have made it.Pat, Mike, Martha, Jean-Edouard, Brooke, Jim, Shirley and Mike's friends,
the first 24 hours were tolerable only because of you.

Moe and Lois, your compassion and genuine concern will not be forgotten.

Nancy and Bonnie, what would I ever do without you two.

Graham and Evelyn, your faith in me kept me on track.

Rev Faun, thanks for doing Mike's celebration of life.

Roy, Helen and Jen, you have known Mike forever and always loved
and supported him.

Judy, Nancy and Char, there is nothing better than dear friends.

Paul, Jason, Brett, Rob, Dion, Brandon, Janelle, Guy, Ray, Chris, Doug, Bill,
Mark, Greg, Steve, Dan, Tom, Monty, Miles, John and many more, you guys
will miss him.

Tara and Brandon, for your care and concern.

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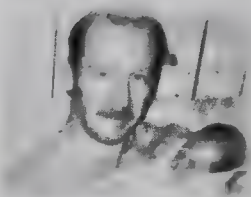
Kevin at Pinestone, Andy at Northern Lights, Sylvia at Wind In The Willows,
thank you for your kindness.

Ruby-Grace for bringing us a ray of hope.

Words cannot adequately convey the gratitude we feel towards so many others
in the community who made charitable donations in Mike's memory, delivered
meals anonymously to our home, sent floral tributes and kept our families in their
prayers.Many thanks to Martha Perkins (Haliburton Echo) for her wonderful article
on rumors and gossip exposed. Our hope is to have us all consider the
consequences of our words.

Peace to your soul Mike, you deserve it.

Wendy, DJ, Becky, Jayden and Poppy



Gary Mintz

(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)

- With his family at his side at
Haliburton Hospital on Sunday
afternoon, May
3, 2009 in his 65thyear. Beloved husband of Joan Mintz (nee
Riel). Cherished son of Priscilla Mintz and the
late Clifford Mintz. Loving father of Melvin
(Jennifer), Pamela (Farron) all of Gooderham.
Fondly remembered by his grandchildren
Carter, Kendra, Kurtis and Colby. Dear brother
of Ronald, Blair, and Donna. Also lovingly
remembered by many nieces and nephews.
(Haliburton Community Funeral Home)Kenneth
KernohanPassed away suddenly
at home on Sunday,
May 3, 2009. At the
age of 61. Beloved
husband of Linda. Dear
father of Greg and his
wife Niki, and Stacey,
and loving grandfatherof Devyn. Dear brother of Barb and Tom Par-
ish, Keith, Alex (predeceased) and Sharon.
Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews,
family and friends. (Monk Funeral Home)George
DeansPassed away
peacefully at the
Ross Memorial
Hospital, Lind-
say on Wednes-
day, May 6,
2009, at the age
of 85. Beloved
husband of
Joyce Bernice
Deans (nee Pet-rie) (2006). Dear father of Catherine (deceased 1962),
Barbara Phillips, and Elizabeth Deans. Loving grand-
pa of David, Wayne, Justin and great grandpa of Sa-
vannah. Dear brother of James (deceased), Minnie (de-
ceased), Hettie (deceased), Peg, and Arthur. Missed by
his friendly felines; Lacey, Mully, Buddy and the late
Tobey. (Monks)Karen Donaldson-
CummingsPassed away peacefully sur-
rounded by her loving family
at the Haliburton Hospital on
Thursday, May 7, 2009. Be-
loved wife of Ron, dear sister
to Diane and Donna. Lov-
ing aunt to Kristen (Bryan),
Heather (Nathan), Michelle, Jim, Elizabeth, Ron,
Kim, Jody, Rich, Heather, Lil, Josie, Andy, Kelly,
Shauna, Paul and Collin. Fondly remembered by her
many friends. (Monks)

Chad Smith

Passed away suddenly on
Saturday, May 9, 2009. At
the age of 27. Beloved son
of Faye and Greg Smith,
dear brother of Kirk and
Dayle Smith, and Uncle
Chad to Brenden and
Emma. Fondly remember
by his many friends and
family. (Monks)

Michael Gross

1930-2009 - Passed away
peacefully at Hyland Crest
Senior Citizens Home,
Minden on Saturday, May
9, 2009. In his 79th year.
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MEMORIALS - In Loving Memory of Glen Bird who passed away May 18th, 2006. We who loved you sadly miss you, as it dawns another year; In our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of you are always near. Wife Marie and family. (May B09)

Help Wanted



YARD SALE - Family yard sale on May 16th and 17th, 2009, from 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. 2110 Horseshoe Lake Road.(May B 09)

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Theatre is Alive and Well in Wilberforce

The Loop Troupe's Latest Production Wows Audiences

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

Community theatre aims to entertain audiences and bring community members together. The Loop Troupe Little Theatre Group of Wilberforce has achieved both of these objectives for many years. The Loop Troupe started when a small handful of individuals interested in community theatre got together in 1993 for a skit-night fundraiser. Realizing the potential for quality theatre in Highlands East, they formed the Loop Troupe. Since 1993 the group has been performing two productions a year, on average, with tremendous support from the community. The majority of the cast, crew, and volunteers are locals, and many are from the Wilberforce area. Popular Loop Troupe productions have included Laffing Room Only, Alice in Wonderland, and Wizard of Oz. The troupe has experienced such success that it has entered into the Eastern Ontario Drama League one act festival three times, winning great praise from audience members.

On Friday and Saturday evening at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, the Loop Troupe continued their pattern of quality theatre with their production of *The Island of Anyplace*. An all-local cast told the story of Jennifer, a young girl who is dragged to the theatre by her mother when she'd much rather be at home or at a movie. But when she runs up on stage and starts to make up her own play, Jennifer's mother becomes a magician and helps her bring it to life on the stage. Jennifer's story is full of interesting people, creatures and adventures. It all starts when a poor shipwrecked girl named Alex washes up onto the shore of a beautiful but lonely island, and sets off on a quest to find her parents and return home. Alex encounters a host of bizarre and fantastic creatures on her journey, including giant blind spiders, mermaids and mermen, a rhinestone studded 'Rhinoceroïd,' and an evil Queen.

Much like Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, *The Island of Anyplace* is a play within a play. The character of Jennifer dreams up her own play and often acts as the narrator. As Jennifer creates her play on stage, she explains the importance of acting, directing, sets, lighting, costumes, makeup, and sound



effects to the audience. This made the *The Island of Anyplace* an interesting and unconventional production, and a great introduction to theatre for young audience members.

The cast of *The Island of Anyplace* did a fine job bringing the play to life. Most of the actors were between the ages of seven and 15, but they did not allow their young age to deter them. Under the guidance of local director Valerie French, and with the help of seasoned Wilberforce actor Hilda Clark, the cast performed admirably, making the audience laugh heartily and applaud numerous times. Taylor Davies, Drew Rupnow, and Nick Toth, who played the mermen and mermaids, were crowd favourites, and Liz Toth, who played Jennifer, did a fine job as lead actor. Young Carmen Galea, who played Alex Caliban and

Bluefish, performed exceptionally and showed great potential as an actor.

Another highlight of the production was the beautifully designed costumes. Elaborate and colourful outfits effectively transformed that cast into a variety of creatures and characters.

Audience members and Loop Troupe members agreed that the production was a success. "It went very well," said costume designer Gill Stephen. "It was a good success. It was a young cast, and most did not have prior experience in theatre. Director Valerie French taught them a lot about theatre discipline, acting, and learning lines. They all did well and had a lot of fun."

With the success of *The Island of Anyplace*, the Loop Troupe

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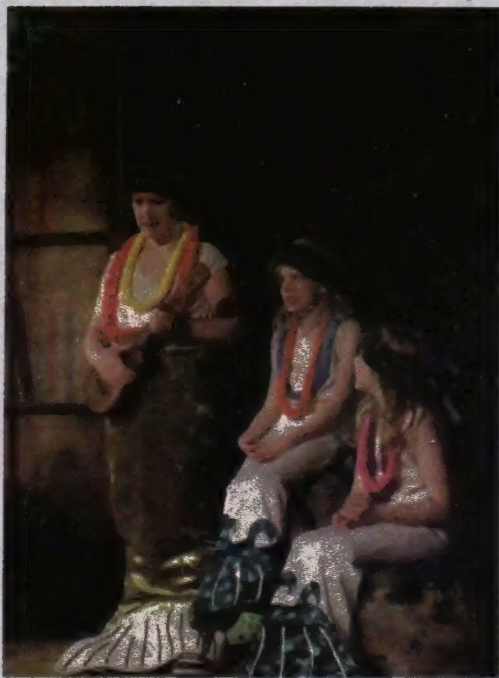
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is more determined than ever to continue bringing quality theatre to Wilberforce. To help make future productions a success, the Troupe is looking for new membership and volunteers. Membership is open to all interested persons of all ages. The Troupe would like help in set design, carpentry, painting, makeup, lighting, and sound. New actors are also welcome. The membership fee is only \$5 per year, and the group meets every Wednesday night at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce at 7pm. If you're interested in joining this wonderful theatre group, you can contact Dan at airbrushpets@sympatico.ca. ■



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The evening of festivities included a silent auction, the sounds of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums and a selection of dances from the Mansfield students themselves.

Breanne Mansfield, dance teacher and coordinator of the event, was pleased with this year's turnout.

"It went really well," said Mansfield. "We had a pretty good night overall."

She added that she would like to thank everyone who showed their support for the girls.

Currently, there are nine students who are part of the Mansfield School. They range in age from five years old to 17. ■



Hailey Anderson and Hailey Bull catch some air while doing the "fling" dance.

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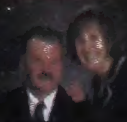
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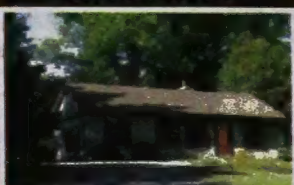
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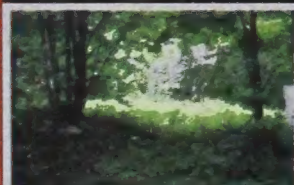
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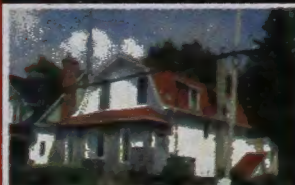
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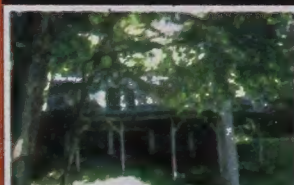
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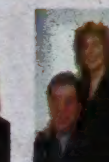
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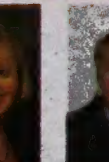
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